

ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Location

**1601 South Sixth Street
South Tucson, Arizona 85713**

Attending

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Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director
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P R O C E E D I N G S

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Good evening.

This meeting of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will come to order. It's 6:02 p.m on Wednesday, August 3rd. (sic)

Because of the size of the room, we're going to have a little bit of adjusting of the sound here. Do you want us to give you a minute, Buck?

BUCK FORST: No, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. All right.

Please rise for the pledge.

(Pledge given).

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you all for spending your Wednesday evening with us -- Tuesday, sorry, your Tuesday evening with us.

If you have any difficulty hearing at any point, if you would please raise your hand, that would be helpful.

In order to comply with Federal law we have a translator here with us. His name is Carlos Reyes. So I would ask Mr. Reyes to come up.

1 (Whereupon the Spanish interpreter made a
2 statement in Spanish.)

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

4 My name is Linda McNulty. I'm a member of the
5 Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission. To my right
6 is Commissioner Rick Stertz. To his right is our legal
7 counsel, Joe Kanefield.

8 To my left is Korinne Belock. I'm sorry. This is
9 Korinne's first meeting with us from Strategic Telemetry.
10 To her left is Ken Strasma from Strategic Telemetry.

11 Over here managing everything is Buck Forst, who
12 is coordinating a live stream, so everything that we say is
13 being streamed out on the web.

14 If you would make sure when you come up to the
15 microphone to speak very directly into the mic. If you need
16 help adjusting it, Buck will help you.

17 Buck, does that come off, if necessary?

18 BUCK FORST: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. And you can just
20 pull that off if you need to in order to speak into it.

21 We have a court reporter here who will transcribe
22 everything this evening. His name is Marty Herder. He's
23 with us a lot. He does a fabulous job.

24 It will be important to speak clearly, to state
25 your name when you come up to the microphone, and to spell

1 your name clearly for the record.

2 Thank you.

3 We have Request to Speak forms in the back.

4 Kristina, are you --

5 Kristina Gomez is our assistant executive
6 director. She just walked into the back of the room there.

7 She will be gathering the Request to Speak forms
8 and bringing them up to us.

9 If you would rather not speak, but would like to
10 submit written comments, I believe we have forms of a
11 different color for that purpose, and Kristina can provide
12 those to you.

13 We also have a website where you can submit
14 comments which we will tell you a little more about in just
15 a minute here.

16 Have I omitted anything that we need to say to
17 start with? Don't think so.

18 Okay.

19 So with that, I'm going to turn this over to
20 Korinne and Ken, and they are going to begin with an
21 overview of this redistricting process for you. And then
22 we'll proceed with comments.

23 KORINNE BELOCK: Good evening. I'm Korinne Kubena
24 Belock with Strategic Telemetry. I'm happy to be here in
25 South Tucson for the first round of public hearings to

1 discuss the Arizona redistricting process.

2 The goal of these meetings is to hear comments
3 from you about the redistricting process. So thank you for
4 taking time to attend.

5 The meeting, this meeting tonight, is one of 15 in
6 the first round of public hearings.

7 There will be a second round of hearings once a
8 draft of the map is published.

9 Before I begin, I also wanted to highlight the two
10 forms, the yellow form in the back, and then the blue form
11 as well, if you wouldn't like to speak tonight, but you
12 would like your comments recorded for us.

13 So, now to the presentation.

14 I wanted to just start with a brief overview of
15 what I'll discuss tonight.

16 The first point we'll cover is: Why we have a
17 Redistricting Commission.

18 The second point is: What is redistricting?

19 Third: What is the difference between
20 redistricting and reapportionment?

21 Four: Why do we have to redistrict?

22 Five: What guidelines need to be followed when
23 drawing new districts?

24 Six: What are the steps in the redistricting
25 process?

1 And seven: How can the public submit their input
2 to the AIRC?

3 So to start, why do we have a redistricting
4 Commission?

5 This is the second time in Arizona's -- this is
6 the second time that Arizona's districts will be redrawn by
7 the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

8 In 2000, when Arizona voters approved Proposition
9 106, they created the Arizona Independent Redistricting
10 Commission, and established the process and criteria for
11 drawing the new district lines.

12 The Commission is made up of two Democrats, two
13 Republicans, and an Independent Chair elected by the other
14 Commissioners.

15 The fifth member shall not be registered with any
16 party already represented on the Commission.

17 The 2011 AIRC members are as follows:

18 Scott Freeman, Vice Chair, Republican, from
19 Maricopa County.

20 Jose Herrera, Vice Chair, Democrat, from Maricopa
21 County.

22 Colleen Mathis, Chair, Independent, from Pima
23 County.

24 Linda McNulty, Democrat, from Pima County.

25 And Richard Stertz, Republican, from Pima County.

1 So on to what is redistricting.

2 And the basic definition of redistricting is the
3 process of redrawing Congressional and Legislative District
4 lines.

5 What is the difference between redistricting and
6 reapportionment?

7 The two terms are often used interchangeably.

8 Technically, there is a difference.

9 Reapportionment is the process of allocating
10 Congressional Districts among the states based on changes in
11 population.

12 Because of the population growth over the last
13 decade, Arizona was allocated an additional Congressional
14 District after the 2010 Census, going from eight seats to
15 nine seats.

16 And redistricting is the process of drawing the
17 actual boundaries of the districts.

18 So why do we have to redistrict?

19 Well, because, I touched on this, but because
20 Arizona gained a Congressional District, new lines will have
21 to be drawn to add the new district.

22 Even if Arizona had not gained the district,
23 Congressional Legislative District lines would have to be
24 redrawn to account for changes in population.

25 The concept of one person, one vote, dictates that

1 there should be as close to the same number of people per
2 district as possible.

3 Because the rate of population growth is different
4 in different areas, the existing districts now have
5 different populations.

6 So what guidelines or criteria need to be followed
7 when drawing new districts.

8 A, they must comply with the U. S. Constitution
9 and the Voting Rights Act.

10 B, they must have equal population.

11 So criteria A and B are Federally mandated, and
12 all plans must satisfy those two criteria.

13 C, the districts must be compact and contiguous.

14 D, they must respect communities of interest.

15 E, they must use visible geographic features,
16 city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided Census
17 tracks.

18 And F, create competitive districts where doing so
19 does not create a significant detriment to other goals.

20 So just a little bit about the actual
21 redistricting process.

22 Public hearings like this one tonight are being
23 held all over the state to collect input.

24 And in some states the previous plans are used as
25 a starting point for the new plans.

1 However, this is not the case in Arizona.

2 In Arizona the starting point is a grid map per
3 population, Proposition 106.

4 The commencement of the mapping process for both
5 the Congressional and Legislative Districts shall be the
6 creation of equal population in a grid-like pattern across
7 the state.

8 The initial grid map will likely only meet
9 criteria B and C however, meaning equal population and
10 compact and contiguous.

11 So from there, adjusting the grid map, we'll need
12 to adjust the grid map to meet the other criteria that will
13 be touched on.

14 A, the Voting Rights Act.

15 Arizona's Congressional Legislative Districts must
16 receive pre-clearance or approval from the Department of
17 Justice or a Federal court under Section 4 of the Voting
18 Rights Act before they can take effect.

19 To get pre-clearance, Arizona must demonstrate
20 that the new districts do not discriminate against minority
21 voters in purpose or effect, which means there can be no
22 intentional or accidental discrimination.

23 Under Section 5, Arizona's redistricting plans
24 cannot be retrogressive.

25 The plans cannot weaken or reduce minority voters'

1 rights.

2 The presence of discrimination can be determined
3 by analyzing population data and election results.

4 The process continues adjusting the grid map
5 according to the other criteria we discussed, those being
6 the equal population, the districts must be compact and
7 contiguous, and respect for communities of interest.

8 One of the goals of these AIRC public hearings is
9 to solicit input about the communities of interest, and in
10 doing so, the forms that we discussed is the one way to do
11 it. We'll discuss more about that in a little bit.

12 So the process continues with adjusting the grid
13 map, to use visible geographic features, county boundaries,
14 cities and towns and Census tracts.

15 And usually Census geography follows visible
16 features.

17 And, finally, create competitive districts where
18 doing so does not create a significant detriment to other
19 goals.

20 So finally, the AIRC wants to hear your input.

21 You can fill out a Request to Speak form at a
22 public hearing and provide the Commission with your input.

23 Examples of input might be your thoughts on
24 criteria, communities of interest, or anything else about
25 redistricting.

1 And you can speak tonight at the hearing using a
2 request form that we discussed, or submit your input to us
3 using one of the blue forms. Both are also available on the
4 AIRC website. And, finally, you can visit us at
5 www.AZredistricting.org, or call us at 602-542-5221.

6 Thank you very much.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you, Korinne.

8 Okay, let's begin with public comment.

9 We have a lot of folks to hear from tonight.

10 Thank you, Kristina.

11 We're going to limit our comments to approximately
12 three minutes each, based on the number of speaker forms
13 that we have here. We've got quite a stack, and we have
14 more coming in, and I don't want to keep everyone here all
15 night.

16 So Buck is going to -- he has a little thing that
17 beeps, and when you hear that beep, please finish up.

18 I will call three names, so that you know who's
19 coming after the speaker. If you could be ready to come up.

20 I don't see a place where you can easily come up
21 and stand, but maybe if you could come towards the front of
22 the room, and that will help things move along a little bit
23 more quickly.

24 And, of course, it's a very quiet group, which is
25 great.

1 If we can be very quiet while everyone is
2 speaking, that will help with the live stream, and it will
3 help Marty hear, and it will help us all hear one another.

4 So I would like to go with the Honorable Senator
5 Olivia Cajero Bedford.

6 Good evening.

7 SENATOR OLIVIA CAJERO BEDFORD: Thank you.

8 Members of the Redistricting Commission, thank you
9 for allowing me to speak. My name is Olivia Cajero Bedford.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

11 I think that mic is not working.

12 SENATOR OLIVIA CAJERO BEDFORD: My name Olivia
13 Cajero, O-L-I-V-I-A, C-A-J-E-R-O, Bedford, B-E-D-F-OR-D.

14 Thank you. Members, thank you, of the
15 Redistricting Commission. Thank you very much for allowing
16 me to speak.

17 I have been a State Senator since this
18 District 27, since November. This is my ninth year of
19 service.

20 I served for eight years in the House of
21 Representatives.

22 As you know, District 27 is a majority/minority
23 district, and is comprised mostly of central and western
24 Tucson, including the area around the University of Arizona
25 campus, and the University Medical Complex.

1 After the 2010 Census, the district had a total
2 population of approximately 200,000 people.

3 That is just short of the 213,000 people needed to
4 make an ideal district.

5 Central and western Tucson is a community of
6 interest that includes the University of Arizona, with all
7 the student housing in the neighborhoods to the west of the
8 campus.

9 Both have high Hispanic concentrations and similar
10 demographics.

11 And on behalf of myself and the residents of the
12 district, I would ask that this Commission seek to keep the
13 core of District 27 the same as it exists today.

14 I'd like to leave you copies of my comments today,
15 and again, I thank you for allowing me to speak.

16 Thanks for what your doing.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

19 Next, the honorable Representative, Sally Ann
20 Gonzales.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SALLY ANN GONZALES: Good evening,
22 Commissioners.

23 Thank you for allowing me to speak also.

24 And I thank you for your service to -- for the
25 state, the citizens of Arizona.

1 I would like to echo again, let me state my name,
2 Sally Ann Gonzales, for the record. S-A--L-L-Y, A-N-N,
3 Gonzales, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-S.

4 I want to echo the comments that Olivia Cajero --
5 Senator Cajero Bedford just said, and just add that -- that
6 from '96 to 2000, I served in the old District 10, which we
7 are in today, this area, which is now basically District 29.

8 And it used to be that the Yaqui community was
9 split up into District 13 and 10 at that time. And now it's
10 27 and 29.

11 And I'd like for it -- really would like to speak
12 to trying to keep the Yaqui community together.

13 I am a member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe, and it,
14 you know, we -- we obviously have been able to elect a Yaqui
15 person to the State Representa -- to the State to represent
16 not only the Yaquis but everybody in this District 27.

17 And I'd like for -- I really just echo the same
18 comments that Senator Cajero Bedford just said.

19 So I thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Any other elected officials
23 from the State Senate Legislature or from the City of South
24 Tucson here that I overlooked that would like to speak?

25 (No oral response.)

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Moving ahead now, our next speaker will be former
3 City of Tucson Councilwoman, Carol West, followed by
4 Mr. Alex Jacome. Followed by Luis Gonzales.

5 CAROL WEST: Thank you for holding this hearing
6 this evening.

7 My name is Carol, C-A-R-O-L, West, W-E-S-T.

8 I know that some of these hearings have been quite
9 rancorous, and I want you to know that I appreciate the fact
10 that you are holding hearings around and state. The fact
11 that this redistricting process is going forward, I know it
12 hasn't been easy.

13 But what I'm here tonight to talk about is
14 competitive districts.

15 I know that's far down the list.

16 But Independents have now surpassed Democrats in
17 voter registration numbers in Arizona.

18 Do registered Independents have a role to play in
19 this redistricting process? Currently only a few districts
20 in Arizona are close enough in party registration for
21 Independents to make much of a difference in the results of
22 a general election.

23 A greater number of competitive districts are
24 vital for all voters to be heard, including Independents.

25 Thank you very much.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

2 Mr. Jacome

3 ALEX JACOME: Good evening. Thank you for
4 allowing me to speak.

5 My name is Alex Jacome, A-L-E-X, J-A-C-O-M-E.

6 My family and I have been around Tucson and
7 southern Arizona longer than dirt.

8 About 15, 16 years ago, my wife and I built a
9 house in Sahuarita, as the rural life has always appealed to
10 us.

11 The first time I was on a horse I think I was six
12 months old.

13 We maintained horses on River Road, east of
14 Pontatoc, and it was not paved.

15 I grew up on Campbell Lane, right across the
16 street from University Hospital, where it is now. Where it
17 was two lanes, dirt shoulders, no sidewalks.

18 After a stint in the Marine Corps, I bought
19 three-and-a-third acres south of Ina and Oracle. It was
20 rural at the time.

21 We had horses and we rode Pima Canyon.

22 Tucson just kept growing and our desert just kept
23 shrinking.

24 My point is, that the Tucson I knew outgrew us.

25 We enjoy the stars at night, the unsophisticated

1 life, and the amenities offered in the more relaxed
2 atmosphere.

3 As a result, pardon me, the world revolves around
4 Sahuarita, Corona De Tucson, Vail, Colossal Cave, Benson,
5 St. David, Sierra Vista, and other points east and south.

6 I served as Chair of the Sahuarita Economic
7 Development Commission for eight years. Shared the Sister
8 Cities Commission for 26 years, and have been heavily
9 involved in civic affairs.

10 I found that there is more shared in common with
11 the rural communities in southeast Arizona.

12 I was surprised to find that Sierra Vista views
13 Tucson the same way that Tucson views Phoenix... with
14 suspicion. Perhaps with good reason.

15 I presently serve on the Pima County and City of
16 Tucson Board of Appeals, as well as the Board of Adjustment
17 for the town of Sahuarita.

18 I'm retired from the Southern Arizona Homebuilders
19 Association, where I served as government liaison for SAHA,
20 and dealt with most of the municipalities in southern
21 Arizona. Therefore, I can speak with some experience and
22 identify closer with the more rural areas than I do with
23 Tucson.

24 I presently serve as the Chair of the Pima County
25 Joint Technical Education District.

1 The canyons of Madera, Davidson, Car, Ramsey, call
2 more to us than the canyons located in downtown. We're in
3 an area that is rapidly becoming known as Rio never.

4 I would ask that this Commission consider
5 Sahuarita Road and Houghton Road perhaps as axis east and
6 south, and if possible, leave Legislative District 30 and
7 Congressional District 8 associated more with the rural
8 areas of southern Arizona.

9 We would rather steer clear of the intrigue,
10 politics, and subterfuge for which the more metropolitan
11 part of southern Arizona is known.

12 Please do not move us further into Tucson than we
13 presently are.

14 Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

16 Next we'll hear from Luis Gonzales, representing
17 the Pascua Yaqui tribe, and followed by Judith Alkire, Jerry
18 Belenker, and Bill Daniels.

19 Mr. Gonzales, would you spell your name for Marty?

20 LUIS GONZALES: Luis, L-U-I-S, Gonzales,
21 G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-S.

22 Just want to thank you for giving us an
23 opportunity to speak on behalf of the redistricting.

24 As Pascua Yaqui was mentioned a moment ago, Pascua
25 Yaquis is in District 27. We have five communities within

1 these districts which is all Pascua on Oracle and on Grand,
2 another one down the road on 39th and 12th.

3 Another one, a small community on 44th -- 44th and
4 16th, and Indian Pascua Village. I'm also here not only on
5 behalf of the district, but the maintenance of District 27,
6 as my position is one of the Tribal Council members for 11
7 years.

8 We also have representation in District 16, up in
9 the Phoenix area, Maricopa County. And that's a crossroads
10 switches Baseline and I-10.

11 We have a small community up there, about 5,000
12 people.

13 Pascua Yaqui membership now is the third largest
14 within the state as a tribe. And we have a lot of our
15 constituents out there not only from here to Phoenix, but
16 also all over within the state.

17 We're advocating is in reference to the
18 maintenance and what we have in District 27 and also
19 District 16 up in the Phoenix area, Maricopa.

20 Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Ms. Alkire or Alki?

24 JUDY ALKIRE: It's Alkire, Judith, J-U-D-I-T-H,
25 A-L-K-I-R-E.

1 Good evening to all of you, and thanks for
2 allowing us to speak, and thanks for being here.

3 I am Judy Alkire, and I live in Canoa Ranch, a
4 community on the southern edge of the unincorporated area
5 known as Green Valley, Arizona.

6 The natural boundaries of Green Valley would be
7 considered as a Freeport-Macmoran Mine properties to the
8 west, Madera Canyon and Santa Rita Mountains to the east,
9 and the community of Amado to the south.

10 And our northern boundary is interwoven with the
11 town of Sahuarita.

12 It's interwoven together sort of like a basket
13 that's woven by the Tohono O'Odham Nation or by the grip of
14 the fingers of a warm handshake. This symbolizes the
15 community of interest of the town of Sahuarita and the area
16 known as Green Valley.

17 The boundaries of Sahuarita, the town of
18 Sahuarita, would be considered Green Valley to the south,
19 the Freeport-McMoRan Mine properties to the west, Pima Mine
20 Road, and the lands of the Tohono O'Odham Nation to the
21 north. And the eastern boundary will probably, over the
22 next ten years, grow farther east to possibly Highway 83,
23 which connects I-10 with Sonoita.

24 I would like to ask the Commission to consider all
25 of these areas, and please not draw a map that's going to

1 separate these two communities.

2 Green Valley and Sahuarita are vital rural
3 communities.

4 We have a natural separation from the City of
5 Tucson by the lands of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, and we
6 both have retired families and families with young children.

7 We share school districts, Continental School
8 District, which serves children from K through eight, as
9 well as they have students enrolled from both Green Valley
10 and Sahuarita.

11 Once these children graduate from Continental,
12 they attend the other schools that are in the Sahuarita
13 school district.

14 The two communities include many other things.
15 All of our medical is intertwined between the two
16 communities, as well as our school district.

17 The Chamber of Commerce is actually named the
18 Sahuarita/Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

19 There is a Green County -- Green Valley Community
20 Foundation that was formed with input from both communities,
21 and its objective was to serve both communities.

22 Charity and volunteering to help each other are
23 both priorities in these communities.

24 The White Elephant Shop and Parade that happens in
25 October every year, the White Elephant Parade, are things

1 that incorporate that entire area as the one event that
2 pulls us all together.

3 The Rotary Club and other civic organizations are
4 made up of people from both Sahuarita and Green Valley.

5 The Green Valley Fire Department services
6 residents in both areas.

7 Our houses of worship are filled with people and
8 families from both areas. And the large amount of churches
9 in Green Valley, their auditoriums serve as places for
10 community culture event. There's many many more.

11 And to the east and south of Tucson are the towns
12 of Vail, Rita Ranch, and Corona de Tucson.

13 These, too, are vital rural communities.

14 Please keep these areas in LD 30 and CD 8, as they
15 are today.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

18 Next is Mr. Belenker.

19 Mr. Belenker?

20 JERRY BELENKER: My wife says Belenker. I say
21 Belenker. So for this purpose, since my wife is in the
22 audience, it's Belenker.

23 My name is Jerry Belenker. I'm a residents of
24 Green Valley, Arizona for the past five-and-a-half years,
25 having come from Silver Spring, Maryland, virtually in the

1 shadow of Washington, D.C.

2 I was a government attorney, and taught some
3 college courses, by way of background.

4 I'm grateful for this opportunity.

5 When we came to Arizona we were struck by the
6 openness of the area. And I think this is an example of
7 openness for public communication. And we appreciate it
8 very much.

9 You all know the criteria of competitiveness and
10 compactness and that sort of thing. So I don't have
11 anything to bring for you, you know that.

12 What I do hope, and I don't mean this to sound
13 preachy, is that there is a genuine appreciation of the
14 seriousness of the constitutionally mandated work that you
15 are doing, and that this work, although there's political
16 representation in the organization, be done in as non
17 political a fashion as possible, so that the political
18 system can then operate, but without any arbitrary or
19 avoidable distortions.

20 That way, one political group to the disadvantage
21 of another, other than the will of the electorate.

22 One vote per person is meaningless if the voting
23 structure is not established so as to avoid any arbitrary or
24 political distinctions that work to the detriment of the
25 individual voters.

1 The significant thing to me is that you are
2 constitutionally mandated. That rises to a very high level
3 of significance having been established by the state
4 constitution.

5 And, therefore, we hope, and I have no reason to
6 believe that you don't have a full appreciation of how
7 important your work is, especially that it has legs.

8 It will last for ten years, until the next
9 centennial Census.

10 Meaning no disrespect, after the Commission is
11 forgotten, or no longer discussed, the work that you do will
12 reverberate, reverberate, and reverberate for ten years.

13 I think that that just has to be stressed
14 consistently.

15 This is not a transient impermanent item.

16 Your work cannot be overturned by the next
17 Legislature or anything of that sort. It has staying power.

18 So with that in mind, I commend you for these open
19 hearings, but that I have to say that in your official
20 title, the word independent is the most important, and I
21 think that should be stressed.

22 When your work is done, what's going to happen?

23 You will be criticized. Because no one can come
24 up with a perfect electoral system.

25 But perfection can be the enemy of the good.

1 So even if you are criticized, if you know and we
2 know that you did the best you could do, we will all be
3 grateful.

4 My time is up. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

6 Okay. Let's everyone try to keep it within three
7 minutes, and we up here will let folks know when their time
8 is up, and we will try to be fair to everyone. Thank you.

9 Mr. Daniels, before you begin, let me call Garland
10 Cox, William, it looks like M-A-H-L, perhaps, and Ruth
11 M-A-K-I.

12 Please go ahead Mr. Daniel, and spell your name
13 for Marty.

14 BILL DANIELS: Thank you, Madam Commissioner. My
15 name is Bill Daniels, B-I-L-L, D-A-N-I-E-L-S.

16 I reside at 39633 South Horse Run Drive, in
17 Tucson, Arizona.

18 I'm the Chairperson of the Eagle Crest Ranch
19 Community Homeowners Executive Advisory Committee. And in
20 that capacity I get an opportunity to meet a lot of the
21 residents, a lot of people that I see every single day.

22 And this issue about redistricting has come up,
23 and they're real concerned.

24 I live in Pinal County, but if you look at my
25 address it says Tucson.

1 My friends and neighbors also live in Pinal
2 County. But their children go to school in Pima County.

3 They shop in Pima County.

4 They work in Pima County.

5 They have fun in Pima County.

6 And I am concerned that all the residents that
7 I've spoken to are equally concerned that when they vote for
8 their state representative in the future, their vote will
9 have no direct effect on the community that they live in,
10 where they work, where they shop, where they play.

11 We understand that there is a study that suggests
12 that we should no longer be a voting member of our community
13 of interest, which consist of Catalina, Oro Valley, Marana
14 and Tucson -- Marana and Tucson, but be moved to a suburb of
15 Phoenix.

16 This would be a fatal blow to the residents of
17 Eagle Crest Ranch.

18 Our community, if you go up 77, right over the
19 Pima County/Pinal County border, resides Eagle Crest Ranch,
20 just north of Catalina and just west of Saddlebrooke.

21 But if we were -- actually, if we were told, if I
22 had to tell my residents that they have more in common with
23 Phoenix than they do with Tucson, they'd laugh me off the
24 street.

25 So I'm here to inform you today, Madam, that we

1 want to stay a part of our community of interest, which is
2 Catalina, Oro Valley, Marana and Tucson.

3 I'm here to say keep us in LD 26. Don't
4 disenfranchise us.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

7 Don't make me take your phones away. Please shut
8 off your cell phones.

9 Thank you.

10 Garland Cox.

11 GARLAND COX: Thank you.

12 I am Garland Cox. And I thank you for this
13 opportunity to speak.

14 I retired to Tucson, Arizona in 1998, so that I
15 could continue my passion for cycling on a year-round basis.

16 My community of interest is determined by this
17 desire to cycle on a 12-month basis.

18 As such, I have located in the northeast quadrant
19 of Tucson near Mount Lemon, in proximity to the Catalina
20 Highway, both of which offer broad bikeways on both sides of
21 the roadways.

22 My riding area extends from the top of Mount Lemon
23 on the north, down the Catalina Highway, and on out along
24 Houghton Road to Sahuarita Road, west to I-19, and south to
25 Green Valley.

1 Then I ride along the Spanish Trail east to
2 Colossal Cave, over to Vail, on southeast to Sierra Vista,
3 and on east to Cochise County.

4 I also include the Tanque Verde Road east to
5 Reddington Pass, the 49er Club roads, the end of Speedway,
6 Broadway, and all points accessible by roads in and around
7 the Saguaro Park east.

8 I also include the Rita Ranch area and east and
9 west along Irvington Road and Valencia Road.

10 It is this variable terrain which, with its
11 occasional shopping facilities and restaurants and
12 convenience centers, low density housing, semi rural
13 atmosphere, and lower traffic, that I want to see maintained
14 in our Legislative District 30.

15 The cohesion of this cycling area and this
16 community of interest seems to me to be important and should
17 be perpetuated as a continuum.

18 I also request that the City of Tucson be moved
19 into the Congressional District 7, to make the Congressional
20 District 8 a more rural district.

21 Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

23 William Mahl.

24 Will you spell your name for the court reporter,
25 please?

1 WILLIAM MAKI: I don't know this Mahl guy, but I'm
2 William Maki.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Oh, okay.

4 WILLIAM MAKI: And I apologize for my penmanship.
5 It's a casualty of the information age.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That thing that looks like
7 an L.

8 WILLIAM MAKI: My name is William Maki, M-A-K-I.
9 And I am representing myself.

10 First of all, I would like to state my support to
11 the citizen redistricting process. Thanks to all of you for
12 your work on this Commission.

13 If you stay the course, efforts of some
14 individuals to undermine this constitutional process will
15 not succeed, and the results of your work will have great
16 credibility with the citizens of our state.

17 I would like to share with you my personal
18 concern.

19 I retired to Green Valley and Pima County three
20 years ago after 35 years as a faculty member in state
21 universities.

22 My wife and I selected Arizona because of its
23 wonderful climate, spectacular vistas, outstanding
24 recreational opportunities, and a fine public university
25 nearby.

1 However, after taking up residence here, I
2 discovered that my vote in state elections does not count
3 for very much, if anything.

4 I feel under-represented and disenfranchised.

5 I think you know that my residence is within LD
6 30.

7 I regard LD 30 as the poster child of what not to
8 do if you believe in the IRC criteria of competitiveness.

9 I believe, for myself, that competitiveness is the
10 single-most important issue in drawing the map for three
11 reasons.

12 First, the voting public in this state breaks out
13 roughly as one third each Democrats, Republicans and
14 independents.

15 The make up of the state Legislature should
16 reflect that distribution. At present it does not even come
17 close.

18 Second, such non-competitiveness suppresses
19 voting. If your vote cannot possibly make a difference, why
20 vote at all?

21 Third, non-competitiveness discourages
22 responsiveness and encourages arrogance on the part of
23 elected officials.

24 Some representatives in our district dodge
25 requests for interviews with the news media.

1 Another prominent Legislature is reported to have
2 told community leaders, quote, we do not need you anymore,
3 end quote. And both were actually of the same political
4 party.

5 If our Legislators do not need us, the voting
6 public, then they are free to pledge allegiance to
7 out-of-state special interests and accountability is
8 irrevocably lost. In sum, we need competitive districts in
9 the interest of fairness and equality. Non-competitiveness
10 is an enemy of our Democratic process.

11 I encourage the Commission to create competitive
12 districts that will reflect portions of registered voters
13 and ensure that each vote really counts.

14 Then I will be truly happy to be in Arizona.

15 Thank you for your attention and for the
16 opportunity to provide my comments for the record.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I guess you should have
21 been my tipoff.

22 RUTH MAKI: I'm Ruth Maki, R-U-T-H, M-A-K-I. I'm
23 also from Green Valley, representing myself.

24 I've lived here for a little over three years,
25 having moved from Texas.

1 I very much appreciate this redistricting process
2 and the job that you are doing. Thank you for working hard
3 to make this a fair and reasonable process.

4 Redistricting in Texas is done by the Legislature
5 and is a totally political process.

6 In my district in Texas many voters felt
7 disenfranchised.

8 There was simply no reason to vote if you weren't
9 voting for the predominant party.

10 I was delighted to see that the people of Arizona
11 had created this independent Commission to produce fair
12 voting districts.

13 To me, competitiveness is the most important
14 criterion for Congressional and Legislative Districts.
15 Voters should believe that their votes have a chance of
16 being meaningful. That if they do not, apathy occurs.

17 People do not vote because it does not make any
18 difference.

19 If people don't vote, then it truly -- they truly
20 do make no difference.

21 It becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy.

22 People don't vote because it doesn't matter and
23 nothing ever changes because people don't vote.

24 In creating the new districts, please draw the
25 lines so that all people feel that their vote has potential

1 to make a difference.

2 Allow all people of the State of Arizona to
3 believe that their vote matters, so citizens that will be
4 encouraged to vote and make their voices heard.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

7 Next, Mr. Arnold Urken, followed by Mary Lois
8 Connell, Barbara Tellman, and Susan Tanner.

9 ARNOLD URKEN: My name is Arnold Urken, U-R-K-E-N
10 is my last name.

11 I'm a semi-retired academic and political
12 scientist, that's lived in Arizona about four or five years.

13 And I have some familiarity with the nuts and
14 bolts of redistricting and the efforts to try to design
15 competitive districts.

16 And I'm not familiar with the history of the
17 Commission here in Arizona, but I urge you to, if you're
18 going to make the process open, to do your best to divulge
19 the ratings that you develop for the preferences of the
20 parties for different designs and districts, so that in --
21 and kind of gain through this model that you allow each
22 party to choose its most preferred design, and then look at
23 alternatives in terms of losses and gains that parties would
24 derive from expected votes based on passed patterns of
25 voting in those districts.

1 I'm not aware if anybody does that, but I'm sure,
2 based on what I know about parties do when they study the
3 district lines themselves, that that's what they do.

4 They're looking for the best expected vote, the
5 best expected gain, the minimum expected loss.

6 I think it would be good, in the spirit of
7 independence, to make that kind of data available to the
8 public, so we can see the criteria used to resolve the
9 conflicts which are inevitable in trying to come up with a
10 set of competitive districts.

11 Thank you very much for your service, and for
12 letting me talk.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

14 Ms. Connell.

15 MARY LOIS CONNELL: My name is Mary, M-A-R-Y, Lois
16 L-O-I-S, Connell, C-O-N-N-E-L-L.

17 I'd like to express my appreciation to the
18 Commission for its service to the state of Arizona and to
19 its people. It's really commendable what you're doing, and
20 I hope you do remain independent.

21 I'd like to speak to competition and the
22 importance of keeping the districts politically competitive.
23 Competition assures that elected officials remain
24 accountable to the electorate. If there is no competition,
25 or the competition is so weak it's meaningless, then the

1 general public is not heard.

2 This is true even if the party in power is the
3 party of the districts' majority.

4 If there are no viable alternatives, the interest
5 and needs of even the political majority is secondary to the
6 interest of the party power brokers.

7 I am convinced of this regardless of party,
8 Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Libertarian or whatever.

9 There must be both moral and ethical incentives to
10 be responsible to all the electorate, not just the few.

11 The only way to do that is with meaningful
12 political competition.

13 I'd like to address a community of interest as it
14 has to do with the border with Mexico.

15 There has been a suggestion to rearrange the
16 districts so that the border of Mexico is made up of three
17 rather than the current two districts.

18 I believe that would be counterproductive. With
19 two districts that are spread from east to west, narrowly
20 expanding to the north, the unique issues of border security
21 are more easily addressed with two representatives more
22 experienced in those challenges.

23 Three would logically have to be narrowed east to
24 west, then extended north.

25 The additional issues of constituents in the

1 northernmost part of the district would have to be
2 addressed, diluting the intention and expertise of the
3 representatives in dealing with the border issues.

4 Two districts means two district teams,
5 Congressional representative, the staff, legal advisers,
6 et cetera, that are coordinating efforts.

7 Three districts increases the number by roughly 33
8 percent.

9 I believe that becomes unwieldy.

10 As a former project leader for a major corporation
11 in the United States, I know the importance of having the
12 right number of team members and supporting staff.

13 Too few means too much work on each team member
14 and not enough expertise.

15 Too many jeopardizes cohesion, increases the
16 likelihood of turf wars, can lead to confusion over who does
17 what. Creativity, problem solving, conflict resolution all
18 suffer.

19 Arizona has succeeded in bringing illegal
20 immigration and border issues to national attention.

21 Please do not jeopardizes the progress made by an
22 ill-advised rearrangement.

23 Finally, I would like to speak to quality and
24 population.

25 I believe ethnic diversity must play a major role,

1 and I understand that is part of the Commission's
2 requirement.

3 Solutions come from hearing all the voices, not
4 just the ones we like, or agree with.

5 Thank you for your time. Thank you for serving.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

7 Barbara Tellman.

8 BARBARA TELLMAN: Barbara Tellman, B-A-R-B-A-R-A,
9 T-E-L-L-M-A-N.

10 I strongly support the independence of this
11 Commission and the independent chair.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Pull the mic.

13 BARBARA TELLMAN: I strongly support the
14 independence of the Commission j. You have many criteria
15 that you have to follow. And I'd like to throw one more
16 thing into the pot, in order to achieve better equal
17 population.

18 And that is considering the prison populations.

19 The laws governing the Federal Census require that
20 everybody has to be counted where they're residing.

21 That means the prisoners are counted in the
22 prisons.

23 The prisoners are usually far away from their
24 homes, from their state, and even from their country.

25 The IRC has to use these numbers in submitting

1 some information to you, the numbers in the prisons by
2 minorities, and by country of origin, as well as the
3 population of the prisons in the state.

4 Example, the Florence area has a population of
5 about 17,000, with 2800 households and 1700 registered
6 voters.

7 More than 11,000 of the counted population are in
8 the prison in the Florence area.

9 64 percent of the prisoners in the state come from
10 Maricopa County, and yet very few of them are housed there.
11 Most are housed in Florence or elsewhere.

12 A higher percentage of minorities are in prisons
13 than in the general population.

14 And often much higher than in their surrounding
15 communities.

16 This leads to claims that we have higher minority
17 representation in towns like, say, St. John's, Kingman,
18 Florence, and so forth.

19 In Eloy, 37 percent of the prisoners are Mexican
20 nationals and yet they are counted as population for
21 redistricting purposes.

22 The Arizona Constitution states for the purpose of
23 voting no person shall be deemed to have gained or loss
24 residents by reason of being present or absent while
25 confined in any public jail or prison.

1 Delaware, Maryland and New York have passed
2 legislation to end prison gerrymandering using similar
3 clauses in their Constitution.

4 The Town of Buckeye excludes the prison from its
5 city districts entirely.

6 And Pinal County completely ignores the prison
7 count when they're drawing their supervisor districts.

8 This keeps it much fairer.

9 When the 2004 district boundaries were finalized
10 for Arizona, the population deviations for CD range from
11 minus 2 to plus 2 percent. If these numbers had been
12 adjusted to account for the prison population, the actual
13 deviation was minus seven to plus 2 percent, with
14 District 23 having the greatest deviation, and that's
15 Florence.

16 Prison populations have grown and new prisons have
17 sprung up.

18 Since we can't fairly apportion population using
19 our present laws, what can we do about it?

20 I suggest several things we can do to get around
21 this. Pass legislation to deal with it next time. Minimize
22 the number of prisons in any one district. And use the
23 allowance of a certain population deviation to go and try to
24 make as fair as possible the difference between minority
25 representation and population of these prison areas.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you. If you want to
3 give your information to Mr. Kanefield here.

4 Susan Tanner will be followed by Mohur Sidhwa, Tom
5 McConnell and Amy Johnson.

6 SUSAN TANNER: Thank you. Good evening.

7 Susan Tanner, S-U-S-A-N, T-A-N-N-E-R.

8 I'm actually here as kind of a fact-finding
9 mission.

10 I read some things on the web and blogs and
11 accounts of some prior meetings, and so I wanted to hear
12 more about the process and what my fellow citizens have to
13 say.

14 But I felt compelled to sign up to speak. In part
15 of my research, I read your bios. I know each of you is
16 very busy, long time full time contributors in many other
17 ways.

18 And when I had kind of heard that there had been
19 some disruption, and maybe some people lobbying to disband
20 this independent committee, and I just wanted to express my
21 personal thanks, and I'm hearing it from other members of
22 the audience, for the work that you're doing, how important
23 this is, and how great it is that Arizona has an Independent
24 Redistricting Commission.

25 Thank you very much, and you'll probably see me

1 later in the week.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Ms. Sidhwa.

5 MOHUR SIDHWA: Well, here I am again.

6 Last time I was here --

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: If you would spell your
8 name, please.

9 M-O-H-U-R, middle name Sarah, S-A-R-A-H, last
10 name Sidhwawa, S-I-D-H-W-A.

11 One of the commissioners suggested last time that
12 perhaps it might be better if we define what competitiveness
13 is.

14 Kept me awake two nights trying to figure it out.

15 And basically I would define a competitive
16 district as one which has the ability to predict the outcome
17 of the election in which the ability to predict the outcome
18 of the election is fairly low, and no party fails to field
19 candidates on a regular basis.

20 For example, in highly Democratic or Republican
21 districts, the outcome is pretty predictable.

22 In which -- in districts in which there are 33
23 each of Democrats, Republicans, and no party, the outcome is
24 a toss up. And then we have the most competitive districts.

25 And I will give you some charts I put together.

1 One measure of competitiveness is voter
2 participation.

3 In very non-competitive districts, voter
4 participation, which means registration and turn out, is low
5 for both parties.

6 Why would, if the conclusion is obvious, and I
7 have a chart that shows what I'm talking about, where one
8 party's registration is very high, voter turn out does tend
9 to be very low.

10 But if the two parties are relatively close,
11 within maybe four or 5 percent, there is much more
12 excitement, more people feel like their votes count. They
13 are more vested in the political process. They're more
14 vested in democracy itself.

15 In other words, let's aim for real democracy, and
16 let's try to keep competitiveness going.

17 Beyond that, we have two fine attorneys that you
18 have, and perhaps case law might be a better guide than my
19 throwing out numbers per se.

20 But I would like to emphasize what the previous
21 speaker said.

22 Let's not count those who cannot vote because
23 they're in jail or not nationals. Let's not count them as
24 minority populations. That's kind of cynical.

25 Anyway, that's all I have to say.

1 I would like to give the charts and thank you very
2 much for everything that you do.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. McConnell.

5 TOM McCONNELL: My name is Tom McConnell, T-O-M,
6 M-c-C-O-N-N-E-L-L.

7 I just wanted to comment on the -- we've heard
8 some talk about the idea of keeping counties together,
9 keeping -- not splitting them between districts. And I
10 noted that in the previous redistricting, we wound up with
11 county and LD combinations of 55 combinations.

12 Now, in theory, since there are 30 LDs required,
13 the minimum you could get would be 30, if you simply could
14 split each county.

15 Obviously, population doesn't allow that.

16 But I did draw a map, and I'm not recommending
17 this particular map, just to show that it's feasible to draw
18 such an arrangement with 46 combinations, which is 60 more
19 than the absolute minimum.

20 The -- with Congressional Districts, there were 29
21 combinations now, and, of course, there would be at least
22 15, since we have 15 counties.

23 So that's 14 more than was absolutely needed.

24 It's possible to re-draw so there are only eight
25 more, and I've drawn some maps to support that.

1 I've also compiled some statistics that I suggest
2 we start looking at, and the Commission start looking at,
3 that measures how you're going to measure some of these
4 variables.

5 One of them that I think is very important is
6 compactness. And I've looked at over 30 measures of
7 compactness floating around out there.

8 The one that seems to be the best fit is something
9 like the re-op number, which doesn't consider perimeter.

10 Many of them involve calculations involving the
11 perimeter of a district, which would be great if you were
12 going to fence the district.

13 But since that isn't planned, that tends to
14 devalue the role of natural boundaries, which you are also
15 asked to look at in another criteria.

16 So I would suggest something like re-op, that
17 doesn't consider perimeter, might be a better measure.

18 The reason for suggesting that we avoid splitting
19 counties, is, first of all, counties in Arizona are the --
20 are responsible for all of the administration of elections,
21 the counting of registered voters, and the actual apparatus
22 of elections.

23 The more LDs or CDs they have to deal with, the
24 greater the complexity.

25 This seems to be manageable in the large counties,

1 which, in any event, will be some combination of districts.

2 But in the rural counties, that imposes a
3 significant burden. And in terms of administrative costs
4 and everything else, the rural counties, given their budget
5 constraints, have not been doing well at all of the duties
6 that are imposed upon them now.

7 So I think if they can be maintained so they fall
8 within a single Congressional District or LD, that reduces
9 complexity.

10 There's another consideration which is, if an
11 officer in the Legislature has to leave office before the
12 end of their term, the replacement is done by the Board of
13 Supervisors of the predominant county. So any partial
14 counties are still simply not included in that replacement
15 process.

16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

18 Next we'll hear from Amy Johnson, Frank Bergen,
19 Diane Meyer, and Rebecca Loporto.

20 AMY JOHNSON: Good evening. My name is Amy
21 Johnson, AMY, J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

22 And I am a relatively newcomer to Arizona.

23 I moved here last year after I retired from
24 investments in Washington State, where I had spent the last
25 18 years as a systems analyst.

1 And I say that because I not only was surprised
2 when I came down here that we have an independent process
3 like this, that you take the time to listen to me, and
4 because I have a faint glimmer of how much work this is.

5 And if I was consulting with you, I would be
6 saying you can't do this.

7 You cannot take six criteria, many of them that
8 are actually opposite to each other, and come up with
9 something.

10 This is really hard.

11 And I really appreciate you not only taking the
12 time, I know it's a lot of time, but to even take on the
13 job.

14 And I am sure you know that nobody's going to be
15 happy, right?

16 I grew up in Chicago, Illinois.

17 I was not a lifelong Democrat, however. I became
18 a Democrat in 1960 listening to the debates, the
19 presidential debates, and things leading up to those
20 debates.

21 And three years later, I was in high school at the
22 time, but working part-time in an office, a guidance office,
23 so we have to have a radio, and I was the first person in my
24 school who knew about the shooting.

25 There were a lot of things published at that time.

1 There were a lot of images, you know, that probably most of
2 us have about that time.

3 But the one that has always stayed with me is a
4 picture of John Kennedy in a hall, in the White House, deep
5 in conversation with Senator Everett Dirksen.

6 And the article about how they work together.

7 Now, Senator Dirksen was, you know, the
8 pre-eminent Republican.

9 But they found ways to work together.

10 And what I see happening now is people not working
11 together.

12 People in Congress, people at the State level,
13 they just aren't listening to each other and they're not
14 working together.

15 And I put my analytical brain together and say how
16 could this happen?

17 And the one thing that made a whole bunch of sense
18 to me was when someone said, if you have a non-competitive
19 district, what you have is a situation where the race isn't
20 is in the primary.

21 And in the primary, if it's Republican, the
22 candidates must out Republican each other.

23 If it's Democrat, the candidates have to out
24 Democrat each other.

25 And so, I look at us. Okay. We're ten years

1 since the last redistricting, and we are so polarized.

2 And so I think we all know, it's just been
3 happening the last few days, how close we were, and we're
4 still going to see a lot of bad fallout in the financial
5 markets over this, over what's been going on where people
6 can't come together and talk to each other because they're
7 so opposite.

8 I want my candidate, if my candidate doesn't do
9 it, I want the other candidate to still feel like they
10 represent me.

11 So I think you have the opportunity here, and
12 hopefully, everyone is taking that opportunity.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

14 Mr. Bergen.

15 FRANK BERGEN: I'm Frank Bergen, F-R-A-N-K,
16 B-E-R-G-E-N.

17 And I thank you both, Commissioners, for being
18 here, and taking on the task you have taken on so
19 graciously, and to the benefit of all in the state.

20 I'm just a little bit disappointed that Chair
21 Mathis is not here, because I'm particularly concerned to
22 thank her and praise her for the work that she is doing in
23 spite of the stuff that I have heard from time to time in
24 the newspapers and elsewhere.

25 I'm a resident, and have been for the last 15

1 years, of the Tanque Verde Valley.

2 I'm in Legislative District 30, and Congressional
3 District 8.

4 On my car I have a bumper sticker which reads
5 "Driven by faith, not by fear."

6 And I commend that message to you Commissioners,
7 and all here present.

8 My concerns regarding the process with which we
9 are all here gathered are basically concerns about
10 competitiveness.

11 We've heard a lot about it, but I don't think we
12 ever hear enough about competitiveness.

13 The results of your work will profoundly affect
14 not just the political, but the social and economic life of
15 this state for ten years, and possibly quite a bit longer.

16 As a result of the 2010 general election, our
17 current Legislature has supermajorities of Republicans, 21
18 in the Senate and 39, with a vacancy, in the House.

19 In the Senate races Republican candidates took
20 57.6 percent of the votes for major party candidates. And
21 yet, they won 70 percent of the seats.

22 Ten senators and 12 House members were elected
23 without major party opposition.

24 In 17 House districts, one or the other major
25 party fielded only one candidate. And only two of those

1 stand-alone candidates were elected.

2 I detect a very serious imbalance, which I believe
3 is largely due to the lack of concern for competitiveness on
4 the part of the original Redistricting Commission.

5 In 2010 another Census was taken.

6 A new Commission has been established, in
7 accordance with the constitutional mandate, and you, the
8 Commissioners, have set about its work.

9 And the Commission is being challenged before it
10 has even produced provisional maps, by people driven by fear
11 that it may not draw lines that will allow them to maintain
12 their supermajority.

13 I'm driven here by faith that you are Independent
14 Redistricting Commissioners, will not be bullied, will not
15 be intimidated, but will produce a Legislative and
16 Congressional Districts that are responsive to the mandates
17 of the State Constitution, and above all, districts that are
18 competitive to the maximum extent possible.

19 You are mandated to seek and to achieve a number
20 of goals, none of which is unimportant.

21 However, if you create districts of equal
22 population, that are compact and contiguous, that will
23 follow geographic features, that respect communities of
24 interest, and the past muster with the Department of
25 Justice, yet give us no more competitive districts than we

1 have today, I, for one, will be extremely disappointed.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Wrap up. It's time,
3 Mr. Bergen.

4 FRANK BERGEN: And I thank you for the
5 opportunity to be here.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

7 Before you go ahead, Ms. Meyer, let me make the
8 comment.

9 REBECCA LOPORTO: Excuse me. I'm Rebecca Loporto.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think Diane Meyer is
11 before you. Yes. Thank you.

12 I just want to let you know that we are live
13 streaming there, and although we're doing over 15 hearings
14 all over the state, and the five of us have been sharing the
15 job and moving around all over the state, most of us were
16 able to be watching the hearings on live stream even when
17 we're not here. So your message for Chair Mathis, I'm sure
18 got to her as she's watching, and as are Vice-Chairman
19 Freeman and Vice-Chair Herrera.

20 DIANE MEYER: Thank you. My name is Diane Meyer,
21 D-I-A-N-E, M-E-Y-E-R.

22 I've lived in Arizona for five years. My husband
23 and I moved here from the Washington, D.C. area.

24 First, I'd like to thank all of the Commissioners
25 for serving on this independent body.

1 I know the time and hard work it takes to be a
2 volunteer, but you are especially commended for doing this
3 particular job because it's so important to the future of
4 Arizona.

5 I trust that this independent Commission, not the
6 State Legislature that has a political agenda, will make the
7 best decisions for our future.

8 I have learned a lot from the hearing today, and
9 glad that I came.

10 And I'm heartened to have heard a lot of similar
11 feelings and ideas to my own.

12 But the most important to me is that I have a say
13 in the election of my representatives.

14 I work very hard locally, and want to know that my
15 vote will count.

16 I want others to feel the same way, so that
17 everyone will want to participate in our democracy, rather
18 than stay home because the results of the elections are
19 predetermined.

20 So competitive districts are, in fact, high on my
21 list of criteria that you're using to redistrict.

22 I also believe that maintaining the integrity of
23 communities of interest is important.

24 I live in Green Valley and want my community of
25 interest, which I agree includes Sahuarita, to stay whole.

1 And finally, as I heard the case, I believe that
2 all districts statewide have keen interest in the border.

3 And because of the low population and vast area
4 along the border, I don't believe that there's any need to
5 create more districts on the border.

6 Thank you for allowing us to speak.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

8 Ms. Loporto, your turn.

9 REBECCA LOPORTO: My name is Rebecca Loporto, and
10 I'm in District 26.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Spell your name.

12 REBECCA LOPORTO: L-O-P-O-R-T-O.

13 First name is Rebecca, R-E-B-E-C-C-A.

14 And I lived in District 26 for about ten years.

15 And I've lived in Arizona most of my life. And my
16 great grandmother pioneered Arizona in Cochise County.

17 She was a cattle rancher and brought the family in
18 here.

19 Anyway, I live a mile and a half north of Ina in
20 Thornydale, but have many interests in common with the
21 people of Saddlebrooke.

22 For instance, my dentist lives in Saddlebrooke and
23 his office is in Catalina, which is where I go for my
24 appointments. And most of his patients are from Sun City,
25 which is in Oro Valley.

1 Also, I'm retired, like most people in
2 Saddlebrooke, and the area where I live is mostly tract
3 housing. But we do have small acreages with mobile homes
4 like they do in Catalina. So I think we're -- our district
5 is a community of interest, and we all have common health
6 care needs, and hospitals, restaurants, the newspapers are
7 the same. Houses of worship attract people from the entire
8 area. And our school districts are similar. So that I'm
9 hoping that you will keep District 26 together as it is now.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

12 Is Julie Evans here?

13 Julie, you're next.

14 Followed by a couple from Vail, Sam Manpaa or
15 M-A-E-N-P-A-A, I believe. Sorry.

16 Followed by Donna Branch-Gilby.

17 Ms. Evans, go ahead.

18 JULIE EVANS: Thank you. My name is Julie Evans,
19 J-U-L-I-E, E-V-A-N-S.

20 Thank you guys, first of all, for doing what
21 you're doing, and working so hard for our community, and
22 maintaining the Democratic process in our state here.

23 I'm a long-time resident of the east side of
24 Tucson, far east, and I feel very much a part of the
25 community of Tucson and central Tucson, where I grew up. I

1 went to elementary and high school and college, and lived a
2 number of years actually here in Barrio Tucson.

3 Southern Arizona has grown a lot, and it seems to
4 me that keeping boundaries, the competitiveness boundaries,
5 and keeping groups that have worked together well, keeping
6 them together is very important to me.

7 I'd like to see, you know, the new district that's
8 being created, that beautiful northwest side that has grown
9 so much, seems like a no brainer.

10 And it would be minimal disruption to central and
11 southern areas in groups that have worked together for a
12 long time.

13 That's pretty much what I want to say. And it
14 would give all people and parties as close to an equal voice
15 and an equal chance of being heard in their communities and
16 by their votes.

17 This is vital to maintaining the spirit of the
18 proposition that you are working on, and our communities and
19 all the people that make up southern Arizona.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Julie.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

23 Sun Maenpaa.

24 SUN MAENPAA: My name is Sun Maenpaa. First name
25 Sun, S-U-N, last name M-A-E-N-P-A-A.

1 I move here from Sierra Vista approximately nine
2 years ago.

3 And initially to live in --

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: If you could speak into the
5 microphone.

6 Talk in your biggest voice.

7 SUN MAENPAA: I move here from Sierra Vista
8 approximately nine years ago.

9 Initially live in area of Harrison Road and Golf
10 Links. Not a bad place to live, but we wanted something
11 different.

12 We wanted to live in a quiet rural area and have
13 at least a one-acre lot.

14 After looking around, we settle on five-acre lot
15 south of Coronado Tucson. There are several military
16 retirees or veterans in the area.

17 My husband is a military retiree. At the time we
18 moved here my daughter was still living with us, and we
19 wanted to be in the Vail School District. The Vail School
20 District being the best in the county was very attractive to
21 us.

22 I would like to see the City of Tucson move into
23 CD 7. I don't believe the people of rural areas of Pima
24 county have any common interest with the people with Tucson.

25 Both the Tucson and the rural area deserve to be

1 represented by like minded individuals who will serve their
2 interest.

3 Eastern Pima County should continue to be part of
4 CD 8 with Cochise County.

5 I would like to see at least four Congressional
6 Districts adjoin our southern border with Mexico.

7 With any luck, we would get at least one
8 representative, maybe even two, who are vocal enough to get
9 the attention of a Congress and the President.

10 I have friends -- friends in the Rita Ranch area
11 and drive Houghton Road to both visit and shop in Rita
12 Ranch.

13 My husband retired from the Army at Fort Huachuca,
14 and still have friend in Cochise County.

15 My daughter lives in Sierra Vista.

16 I occasionally drive Sahuarita Road, Highway 83,
17 to visit in Cochise County.

18 I attend church in Sahuarita, and have many
19 friends who live there.

20 I travel Sahuarita Road to get there.

21 Thank you very much.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

23 Mr. Maenpaa.

24 RON MAENPAA: My name is Ron Maenpaa,

25 M-A-E-N-P-A-A.

1 As my wife already said, we moved to Tucson about
2 nine years ago.

3 And we were looking for a rural quiet area. And
4 we settled on a five-acre lot south of Corona De Tucson.

5 Personally, I don't feel that there's much
6 community of interest between the rural areas in this county
7 and Tucson, and I'd like to see Tucson move to CD 7.

8 I'd also like to see CD 8 as it currently is, west
9 Pima County and Cochise County, stay together in CD 8.

10 I'd like to see three or four districts along the
11 border that will give us an additional voice or two in
12 Congress, and hopefully one of them will be loud enough to
13 get the attention of Congress and/or the President to
14 resolve some of the problems we have here.

15 We go to church in Sahuarita, and we have the
16 Serita corridor to get to church. And we have many friends
17 in Sahuarita that we visit with.

18 Also, the same thing with the Houghton Road
19 corridor and Rita Ranch, where we go quite often to visit
20 and shop.

21 That's all I have.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

23 Ms. Branch-Gilby, followed by Miriam Lindmeier,
24 Bob Gilby and Dee Pfeiffer.

25 DONNA BRANCH-GILBY: Good evening, Commissioners.

1 Thank you very much for this opportunity.

2 My name the Donna Branch-Gilby, D-O-N-N-A,
3 B-R-A-N-C-H, hyphen G-I-L-B-Y.

4 I've been a resident of Tucson for 45 years and
5 live in Legislative District 27.

6 And I appreciate the time that you are devoting to
7 listen and allow us the opportunity to speak.

8 I appreciate the value of the Constitution and the
9 Voting Rights Act and the All American value for fair and
10 representative district boundaries.

11 I'm glad that they are first on the list.

12 I wish to speak with competitive districts.

13 We need competitive districts to engage voters.

14 There's no chance that my candidate could win.

15 Motivation to participate in any part of the political
16 process is dampened, if not removed.

17 This weakens our Democratic system.

18 What do I mean by competitive?

19 I mean near equal numbers of voters of the major
20 parties and parties without -- voters without party
21 affiliation. And where the election outcome is
22 unpredictable.

23 In calculating these numbers or in laying out the
24 lines, I would urge you to consider the special case of
25 prisoners.

1 They are included in the Census.

2 But they don't vote, they don't participate in the
3 election process.

4 And so I can ask that new maps that you propose,
5 avoid allowing these populations to skew the competition of
6 the district away from being really competitive.

7 And with the numbers that you heard earlier, I can
8 see how that could happen. But to really see what you can
9 do to minimize that.

10 One more comment on competitive districts.

11 I believe that if Legislative Districts are
12 competitive, it's more likely that Legislators who truly
13 represent the voters of their districts will be elected.

14 Evidence that the current legislature doesn't
15 represent or reflect the priorities of current Arizonans
16 comes from a recent election where the voters were asked if
17 they would support a one-percent sales tax, the revenue of
18 which would be given to public education.

19 The voters readily supported this proposal in
20 support of public education, and yet we have seen our
21 Legislature repeatedly oppose such support.

22 The Legislature is not -- Legislature is not
23 representative of the priorities of the state's voters.

24 Hopefully, districts which are competitive will
25 produce election results more representative of voters in

1 all parts of the state, not just the most conservative.

2 Thank you again for this opportunity.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

4 Miriam Lindmeier.

5 THE WITNESS: Good evening. I'm Miriam Lindmeier,
6 M-I-R-I-A-M, L-I-N-D-M-E-I-E-R.

7 I've heard so many people say the things that I
8 wanted to say that I'm not going to take long and go through
9 the various notes that I have.

10 But I did want to reiterate, number one, thank
11 you. You've been hearing it from others.

12 But it is so wonderful to have a state where the
13 citizens decided that they did not want the politically
14 driven process, but rather an independent Commission.

15 And I really am proud of Arizona.

16 And I am a relatively new resident. Retired and
17 moved here in 2007.

18 My husband just joined me, yea, a little while
19 ago. Permanently retired.

20 We both work part-time, and I have to say I've
21 heard some people wanting to disassociate from Tucson
22 tonight.

23 I love Tucson.

24 I live in Green Valley and Sahuarita, and I
25 certainly would like to see those communities stay together.

1 But both my husband and I work part-time in Tucson.

2 I tutor in the Tucson public schools, and my
3 husband teaches at Pima Community College. So we both go
4 back and forth.

5 And having lived on the East Coast and the West
6 Coast and the Midwest, the commute from Green Valley/
7 Sahuarita up here to Tucson is pretty minimal, and very
8 pleasurable compared to some of what I've experienced.

9 So I look at, in particular, South Tucson and
10 central Tucson as a community of interest.

11 Certainly from our perspective.

12 I have special dietary needs.

13 I have to come to Tucson about every ten days
14 because there are only some grocery stores that carry some
15 of the things. I can't get those products down where I
16 live.

17 And a very tight group of 16 of us, who all came
18 from different places, and are really close friends in the
19 community where I live down in Sahuarita, half of them come
20 to church up here in South Tucson. So I feel like we are
21 part of a community of interest with that group.

22 I, however, do not feel so much a community of
23 interest with LD 30, because I feel that LD stretches from
24 Mount Lemon down to below Amado, crosses the mountains. And
25 I will tell you that I've never felt like I've had a vote in

1 what's going on there.

2 And I don't feel very well represented.

3 And I would really hope that you would look at
4 that situation, because I think competitiveness, as a number
5 of people have said tonight, is extremely important.

6 And I would really like to feel -- I have had in
7 my family Democratic father, Republican mother. Two
8 brothers Republican, and another brother and I Democrats.

9 We talk about politics all the time.

10 And we rarely agree, but sometimes we do.

11 And I would like to see a district competitive
12 enough that people can be persuaded to other points of
13 views, and you don't always have a candidate for one party.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

15 MIRIAM LINDMEIER: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Bob Gilby.

17 BOB GILBY: Good evening.

18 I'm a former candidate from District 27. My name
19 is Bob, B-O-B, Gilby, G-I-L-B-Y.

20 I'm a former candidate from District 27.

21 Two of our representatives are here, a Senator and
22 a State Representative.

23 And I -- I knocked on 1500 doors in this last
24 campaign cycle.

25 And I gotta tell you, District 27 is one of the

1 most diverse districts in this state.

2 We have the West University and North University
3 area, the professional. We have the hippy district up and
4 down Fourth Avenue.

5 We've got the economically challenged, flowing
6 wells that goes out into the Tucson Mountains. The north
7 end of the Tucson Mountains goes over into Apple Valley
8 horse property over there. Comes down Sendario Road to the
9 retirement community of Tucson Estates.

10 Goes down in Pasqua Yaqui on the south side.
11 Comes up through Midville Parks, up through the barrio, the
12 12th Avenue and Ajo, and includes the old barrios of Tucson
13 and west side of Tucson.

14 To say that District 27 is a community of interest
15 is a really broad, broad, broad community of interest.

16 Wherever I knocked on doors, I found common ground
17 with people.

18 In the Legislative issues, in the community type
19 issues I found common ground.

20 So, with that said, what the community of interest
21 that District 27 is, I'm -- I couldn't rightly say.

22 It depends on where you stop and knock on the
23 door.

24 But what I would like to say is something we do
25 share in common.

1 We're 50 percent Democrats.

2 We're 20 percent Republican.

3 And 30 percent Independent.

4 And now that makes for a really boring candidate
5 forum, I gotta tell you.

6 There were seven of us up there, and
7 philosophically, and ideologically, you could not have
8 slipped a business card between us.

9 What we end up with is a very low voter
10 registration, low voter turn out, and we end up with, what
11 did I say? Boring candidate forum. And very predictable
12 elections.

13 District 29 has the same dilemma. They have very
14 low voter turn out, low registration, predominantly
15 Democrat.

16 Actually, I'm in the third most Democratic
17 district in this state.

18 We're superseded by a couple of west Phoenix
19 areas, District 13 and 14, if I'm not mistaken.

20 So this is why we have one third, one third, one
21 third registration in the state, but such a lopsided
22 Legislature driving policy.

23 I would love to be able to sit on a panel with
24 someone from the opposing party and really go at it, you
25 know, toe-to-toe, on issues, on policy, rather than --

1 rather than, like, you know, there's nothing happens after
2 the primary.

3 Might as well go work in somebody else's district
4 where you can make a difference, or work on a State
5 candidate.

6 So please bring us back into democracy.

7 Give people a reason to go find out who the
8 candidates are. Give people a reason to go vote because it
9 matters to them.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Dee Pfeiffer, who will be
14 followed by Keith Van Heyningen, Annette Everlove, and Linda
15 Horowitz.

16 DEE PFEIFFER: Hi. My name is Dee, D-E-E,
17 P-F-E-I-F-F-E-R.

18 And I am from the community of Vail and LD 30 and
19 CD 8.

20 And I am here tonight to speak on behalf of
21 myself, my husband, and several of our friends in the Antler
22 Crest community who could not attend tonight because of
23 their job. They're lucky enough to have jobs right now.

24 We encourage you, as you direct the mapping
25 company to draw the lines for LD 30, CD 8, to give extreme

1 weight to our communities of interest.

2 And to allow -- although it's much larger than
3 this, my main interest would be to allow Vail, Rita Ranch,
4 Corona De Tucson, and Tucson's east side, and Sahuarita and
5 Green Valley, to stay together.

6 If you must move a line, move it to the east,
7 toward Benson, as again, we're all small towns with a
8 connection.

9 We are small towns that have the same needs, and
10 do not generally consider our needs the same as those of
11 the, I would say, big city of Tucson, but the gentleman
12 called it a metropolitan area, so, be that.

13 We deserve to have our own representation separate
14 from Tucson, and not be the stepchild or second class
15 citizens of any district.

16 I have to tell you that I'm kind of new to the
17 process, and all these words seem to have different meanings
18 to different people. And I attended several of these
19 meetings, and although competitive sounds very, very nice, I
20 really liked it when I first heard it.

21 As I learn more about it and what it means to
22 certain people, I have to tell you, I was very heartened
23 when I saw your hand up and what was up on the screen there
24 about your priorities.

25 And they really fall in line with mine.

1 Number one and two, I guess, are mandated. Number
2 four, is respect to the communities of interest.

3 And then subordinate to that, and in case there is
4 no significant detriment to those other goals, one through
5 five, then you come to the competitive.

6 So I'm very pleased and heartened to find out that
7 that is going to be your last priority, is a
8 competitiveness.

9 Before that has to be community. It just has to
10 be community.

11 And I encourage you to look at that, consider
12 that, and wouldn't it be nice if you could do all six.

13 But if you can't, priority has to be community of
14 interest.

15 Thank you very much.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

17 Keith Van Heyningen.

18 KEITH VAN HEYNINGEN: Good evening. My name is
19 Keith Van Heyningen, K-E-I-T-H, V-A-N, H-E-Y-N-I-N-G-E-N. I
20 live in Rita Ranch.

21 I am a Tea Party member. I'm a former land
22 surveyor. I've been unemployed due to this lovely economy,
23 but that's not my real problem.

24 My real problem is there are only two Board
25 members out of five sitting before me.

1 Tucson has several problems. We have a corrupt
2 City Council and Mayor. We have a corrupt Pima County
3 Board, and its leadership who supports racist organizations,
4 and communist organizations.

5 Now we have a mapping company who is not only an
6 obvious supporter of Obama, who is nothing more than a
7 Leninist.

8 You can laugh all you want. That just means
9 you're a bunch of commies, too.

10 Welcome to reality. You want your civil liberty?
11 This is it?

12 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: IS there a sergeant-at-arms
13 here?

14 KEITH VAN HEYNINGEN: And I wish there was,
15 because he would make you be quiet.

16 Like I said, I love the name of your company, but
17 we knows who you are and what you are.

18 You live in the information age. We're watching.
19 Don't mess it up.

20 Have a nice night. Try to do better than our
21 locals.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Annette Everlove.

24 ANNETTE EVERLOVE: Thank you.

25 Good evening. My name is Annette Everlove,

1 A-N-N-E-T-T-E, E-V-E-R-L-O-V-E.

2 I am here as a member and representative of the
3 Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona Board of Directors.

4 On behalf of that Board, I extend our sincere
5 gratitude to this Board for the commendable voluntary public
6 service that you are doing.

7 Let me begin by telling you who we are. Planned
8 Parenthood Advocates of Arizona is a political action
9 committee that supports the activities of Planned Parenthood
10 Arizona.

11 Just like this Commission, our Board is made up of
12 Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from Tucson and
13 Phoenix.

14 Planned Parenthood of Arizona has been providing
15 vital medical services and counseling to men and women
16 across Arizona for over 75 years.

17 Today Planned Parenthood provides these services
18 to 14 health centers in 11 cities across our state.

19 Here in Arizona, over 80 percent of the more than
20 50,000 patients that we serve annually, receive preventative
21 health care, including lifesaving cancer screening, STD
22 testing and treatment, as well as birth control.

23 As a provider of charitable care, we are very
24 often the only health care provider available for many of
25 our patients.

1 We are both excited and hopeful about the
2 redistricting process.

3 As a health care provider that regularly
4 participates in the legislative process, very often not of
5 our choosing, we have witnessed firsthand the deterioration
6 of civic dialogue in our state's Legislative process.

7 I think we saw a little bit of that here.

8 There is almost no bipartisanship to speak of on
9 either side of the aisle.

10 Legislation is heard in stacked committee hearings
11 with a near complete disregard for both the facts and the
12 right of interested parties and citizens to be heard.

13 Typically, the results are often predetermined.

14 To us, at least part of the problem stems from
15 Arizona's lack of competitive Legislative Districts, once
16 again on both sides of the aisle.

17 As a result of this lack of competition,
18 Legislative races are too often decided in the primaries,
19 primaries dominated by the more extreme elements within each
20 of the two major parties.

21 When Legislative races are decided in the
22 primaries, it obviously eliminates the effectiveness and the
23 purpose of general elections.

24 Another key result is low voter turn out.

25 To us, low voter turn out is undemocratic with a

1 small "d".

2 We know voter turn out is not one of the express
3 criteria set forth for this Commission, but to us, drawing
4 districts with balanced populations should be a fundamental
5 goal for the Commission, resulting in motivating the maximum
6 number of voters to participate in Arizona's electoral
7 process.

8 We know that as a result of Arizona's past record
9 of discrimination, our state's redistricting process is
10 subject to oversight by the United States Department of
11 Justice.

12 We recognize that this Commission must respect the
13 legal obligations to maintain minority/majority districts.

14 However, this legal obligation, in our view, has
15 served as excessive justification for districts that are too
16 heavily Democratic, big D, which in turn results in the
17 creation of other democratic districts that lean too heavily
18 Republican. This may well be in the interest of the two
19 parties to secure safe seats, but not in the best interest
20 of Arizona.

21 Arizona needs fewer safe seats and more
22 competitive seats.

23 Thank you. Thank you again.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

25 Linda Horowitz, who will be followed by Reg, last

1 name begins with a W. I can't read the rest. Looks like
2 W-I-L. Marilyn Zerull after that, and Leiann Anderson after
3 that.

4 Go ahead.

5 LINDA HOROWITZ: My name is Linda Horowitz,
6 L-I-N-D-A, H-O-R-O-W-I-T-Z.

7 I live in the foothills, and I'm in CD 8 and LD
8 30.

9 As a foothills resident, I urge you to keep the
10 foothills in the same Congressional District as at least
11 part of Tucson.

12 We are a community of interest with Tucson.

13 We are not a rural district.

14 We voted recently to not become a city.

15 We identify with Pima County, and we identify with
16 the City of Tucson.

17 So any redistricting that you do, please keep in
18 mind that the foothills should remain in a district that
19 also includes Tucson.

20 Right now we're in a district that includes part
21 of east Tucson and then goes down into Cochise County.

22 I don't have any problems with also being
23 associated with the rest of the county, but I do feel we
24 need to have part of Tucson be part of that.

25 I am also in LD 30, and I think you've heard a lot

1 of LD 30.

2 But if you think about the fact that I'm up in the
3 foothills, and that my community of interest is Tucson, to
4 have me in the same Legislative District with people who are
5 down much further south of me, and much further west of me,
6 makes absolutely no sense -- or east of me, excuse me.

7 So I would really truly tell you that to make
8 community of interest, which I know is much higher on the
9 list than whether it's a competitive district or not, to
10 keep our community of interest, we were gerrymandered the
11 last time and put in LD 30.

12 Please take my area and put it back where it
13 belongs, with the rest of the foothills, and near and part
14 of Tucson.

15 The other thing I would like to say in terms of
16 competitive districts, is to look at the fact that the
17 Congressional District 8 is a competitive district.

18 It has been a competitive district.

19 And therefore, to try to make it more skewed
20 towards one or the other of the parties, is against the
21 interest of the voters.

22 I was in the League of Women Voters when we worked
23 to get this legislation passed for the wonderful job that
24 you're trying to do, and I urge you to please keep the
25 voters in mind that decided that they wanted this process to

1 continue.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

4 Reg.

5 REG WILLIAMS: My name is Reg Williams, R-E-G,
6 W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.

7 Just here to express my appreciation as a citizen
8 for the independent work that you're doing, and encourage
9 you to rebuck the assault that the Mad Hatter Tea Party is
10 making on the Governor to replace your independent Chair.

11 So thank you for what you're doing, and keep on
12 doing it.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Marilyn Zerull.

16 MARILYN ZERULL: Thanks for pronouncing my name
17 correctly. My name is Marilyn Zerull, M-A-R-I-L-Y-N,
18 Z-E-R-U-L-L.

19 I'm a citizen of Oro Valley, having lived there
20 for 20 years.

21 My concern about the redistricting focuses on the
22 community of interest issue.

23 Many of my friends live in Saddlebrooke. And I
24 think of them as Oro Valley residents, even though they do
25 not fall within our city limits.

1 Because of their close proximity, the citizens of
2 Saddlebrooke use Oro Valley for shopping, medical services,
3 as well as patronizing our restaurants and churches.

4 But Saddlebrooke is not the only community that
5 has a close relationship with Oro Valley. Marana borders
6 Oro Valley to the west.

7 Because there is a need to accommodate the traffic
8 between Highway 10 and/or Oracle Road, these two communities
9 plan to stimulate economic development and encourage
10 business growth by widening the Tangerine corridor.

11 Marana uses both Oro Valley and Tucson property
12 for much of their business as well.

13 I ask that you take into consideration the close
14 relationship between these three communities when drawing
15 the district's lines.

16 The political representation for Saddlebrooke, Oro
17 Valley, and Marana, need to be congruous.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

20 Leiann Anderson, followed by Carolyn Cox, Marilyn
21 Rego, and Glenn Lundell.

22 LEIANN ANDERSON: Thank you for giving me the
23 opportunity.

24 My name is Leiann Anderson, L-E-I-A-N-N,
25 A-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.

1 And I request that our communities of interest are
2 kept together, because we share social and economic
3 characteristics.

4 I lived in Arizona for 35 years.

5 My husband and I live in Pima County, 20 miles
6 south of Tucson in Green Valley, Arizona.

7 We ask that our current workable boundaries for LD
8 30 be maintained.

9 Keeping natural boundaries makes economic sense.

10 I would like to see the City of Tucson move to
11 CD 7.

12 Northern and eastern Pima County needs to stay
13 with Cochise County in CD 8.

14 We have similar interests.

15 As an I-19 alternate from Green Valley, we travel
16 north on Nogales Highway, and east on Sol Rita Road to use
17 Houghton Road north to the far east side of Tucson, because
18 our kids live on the east side of Tucson.

19 Our kids chose the rural suburban lifestyle so
20 important for young families.

21 We shop at Wal-Mart and Fry's Marketplace in
22 Sahuarita, among other Sahuarita businesses.

23 We support Sahuarita, Tucson, and Sierra Vista
24 economically, because we patronize restaurants, and the
25 outdoor recreation areas in those places.

1 My husband is a member of the American Legion,
2 Post 66, on the Wall Road in Green Valley.

3 Military families are tied with Davis-Monthan Air
4 Force Base, and tied to Sierra Vista with Fort Huachuca.

5 I've volunteered in Green Valley at the
6 47-year-old White Elephant Thrift Store. The White Elephant
7 benefits all of southern Arizona.

8 We host an annual Octoberfest and Parade attended
9 by hundreds of people.

10 My husband's family and friends enjoy and utilize
11 outdoor square miles in southern Arizona from the Santa
12 Catalina Mountains to Green Valley's Madera Canyon and the
13 Santa Rita Mountains.

14 In Sierra Vista we utilize San Pedro Riparian
15 National Conservation area, and Ramsey Canyon Preserve,
16 famous for its hummingbirds.

17 We enjoy bird watching and hiking.

18 Through our travels, we observe that Sahuarita,
19 Green Valley, and Sierra Vista, are tied by multiple
20 communities of interest, both economic and social.

21 Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

23 Carolyn Cox.

24 CAROLYN COX: My name is Carolyn Cox,
25 C-A-R-O-L-Y-N, C-O-X.

1 My husband and I retired to Tucson in 1998 in
2 order to ride bicycles year around.

3 Our community of interest goes from the top of
4 Mount Lemon south to Vail, Sahuarita, and Sierra Vista, and
5 from the Rincon Mountains on the east, and Harrison on the
6 west, and includes Rita Ranch and Purple Heart Park.

7 The rural, low density housing and roads with low
8 traffic and biking shoulders are what we want to keep in our
9 Legislative District 30.

10 We ride on Spanish Trail, love the Farmers Market,
11 riding in Saguaro Park East, through the 49er and into the
12 Redington Ranch area.

13 Our community of interest is the rural feel of
14 this area and the huge variety of riding in areas with low
15 traffic.

16 We also request that the City of Tucson be moved
17 into Congressional 7, to make the Congressional District 8 a
18 more rural district.

19 Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Marilyn Rego.

21 MARILYN REGO: Members of the Commission, I am
22 Marilyn Rego. M-A-R-I-L-Y-N, R-E-G O.

23 And I'm a member of the Sun City Vistoso HOA.

24 I'm here tonight to ask you to be fair and to do
25 the right thing regarding the Saddlebrooke community.

1 Saddlebrooke is a community of like interest to
2 Sun City.

3 We in Oro Valley know many residents of
4 Saddlebrooke as friends and members of our churches,
5 supporters of our economy, shoppers in our marketplace,
6 theater goers, and huge supporters of the arts and
7 entertainment in Tucson.

8 Saddlebrooke was master planned to be a part of
9 the Tucson area, not Casa Grande.

10 If your redistricting plan is to move them to the
11 Casa Grande district, you will make thousands of business
12 owners and voters really upset.

13 So do the right thing and keep them in CD 8 and LD
14 26.

15 We need our Saddlebrooke friends to be in contact
16 with us daily, as it has been over the last years.

17 So do the right thing and keep like communities
18 together.

19 Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

21 Mr. Glenn Lundell, followed by Connie Woodbrey,
22 Betsy Zukoski, and Mona Alisi Moehring.

23 GLENN LUNDELL: I appreciate the opportunity to
24 speak.

25 My name is Glenn Lundell. That's G-L-E-N-N,

1 L-U-N-D-E-L-L.

2 My wife Arlys, A-R-L-Y-S, and I live in Green
3 Valley.

4 My purpose in being here is speaking to the area
5 of community of interest, because we both, when we moved
6 here separately at the time, we were looking for an area
7 that was not in town, but had certain Suburban and
8 essentially rural characteristics that would appeal to
9 retirees. And we found it there. And many many of our
10 neighbors are the same way, and feel about it.

11 So I guess my recommendation to you is not to
12 disrupt what I would consider to be essentially a good
13 relationship in LD 30 and CD 8.

14 I know that you do have some population areas that
15 you have to deal with, and I would suggest that you do those
16 by moving something that is pure heavy population as opposed
17 to the rural areas.

18 Our community relationships extend all the way
19 from Amado to the south of Sierra -- excuse me -- of Green
20 Valley, into Sahuarita, and on into Vail and eastern part of
21 Tucson. And essentially also into Sierra Vista.

22 It happens that we have four children residing in
23 the area from Green Valley to eastern part of Tucson.

24 So we have a personal interest in this as well as
25 a professional one, you might have.

1 Examples of community of interest, as I see it,
2 are shopping, as far as -- that others have spoken to this.
3 We have the centers in Sahuarita and Green Valley.

4 Education. The school districts merge themselves
5 from Green Valley and Sahuarita's unified school district.

6 Cultural and recreation. There are multiple
7 facilities that are used within our communities and they
8 service that whole broad area, ranging from south of Green
9 Valley all the way into the Vail and Rita Ranch areas, and
10 so forth.

11 Religion aspects. There are many churches or
12 religious centers located in all of that area.

13 And it's interesting how many residents of parts
14 of Sahuarita or Amado and Green Valley go to the other ones
15 there.

16 And this extends all the way over to the Vail
17 community, because I know people that drive in to Green
18 Valley going to church there.

19 The culture, the business areas, spoken before, I
20 think, by someone, that the Sahuarita and Green Valley
21 Chambers of Commerce are joined by their name, because they
22 recognize that the common interest of their business meant
23 that they had to do this to work together.

24 And this is followed by the banking and real
25 estate industries as well.

1 Social services. The White Elephant was
2 mentioned. That's a marvelous thrift operation that does a
3 tremendous job. It draws from all the regions of southern
4 Arizona for people that contribute and come there and buy.

5 And they do a marvelous job for scholarships for
6 people all over the area.

7 There are many other nonprofit organizations.
8 Casa de Esperanza, Friends In Need, Valley Assistance
9 Services. All of these, while they're based generally in
10 the Green Valley, area serve the whole region, Sahuarita,
11 and even to the eastern part of the county areas.

12 Interesting, one is law enforcement and safety.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Need you to finish up.

14 GLENN LUNDELL: Pardon me?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That was your beep. Those
16 beeps were for you.

17 GLENN LUNDELL: Okay.

18 Law enforcement is another one because they have
19 the common volunteers at the Valley -- I mean, Green Valley
20 has its Sheriff's Auxiliary volunteers.

21 Sahuarita has its -- its volunteers that work for
22 its Police Department, veteran services and military
23 services. And as I mentioned before, they extend all the
24 way to Davis-Monthan, and all the way into Sierra Vista.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you. We need to

1 finish up now because we're got a lot of --

2 GLENN LUNDELL: Right now. Okay.

3 Media is interesting because the newspaper covers
4 all the whole area.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

6 Connie Woodbrey.

7 CONNIE WOODBREY: I'm Connie Woodbrey.

8 C-O-N-N-I-E, W-O-O-D-B-R-E-Y.

9 And I want to thank the Commission for being
10 independent.

11 You are to be commended for this tough job, while
12 it is so important to all of us in Arizona.

13 I'm especially pleased that you have shown each
14 other mutual respect and mutual support.

15 In my view, the very most important thing is that
16 you provide a redistricting map that has a maximum degree of
17 competitiveness possible in all districts. By
18 competitiveness I mean districts where candidates from
19 either of the two major political parties have a real chance
20 of being elected.

21 It's only fair to citizen voters that they not be
22 disenfranchised by residing in non-competitive districts.

23 I have lived in a non-competitive Arizona district
24 the past ten years.

25 I, and all members of my minority party have been

1 disenfranchised.

2 They think about some of the bad aspects, think
3 about some of the bad aspects of non-competitiveness
4 districts.

5 Seldom does the minority party provide a full
6 slate of candidates, and even when a few good minority
7 candidates do step forward, and they work very, very hard,
8 the reality is there is never any real chance of there being
9 elected.

10 And, of course, many real good candidates never do
11 step into the political arena, because they know full well
12 they have no chance of winning.

13 In the majority party, overtime the candidates in
14 their primary tend to take more and more radical extreme
15 positions on issues of major importance to the citizenry.

16 They win their primaries, and election in the
17 general is assured. Usually without any great amount of
18 work in the campaigns.

19 So again, please do create competitive districts.

20 While all of the other factors you must weigh,
21 can, and do have significance to the citizenry,
22 competitiveness looms over all the others.

23 I have heard a number of people say that their
24 community of interest is most important.

25 Sometimes such comments ring true, but more than

1 occasionally I interpret those comments relate to the
2 arguments against competitiveness.

3 Just one example, I believe in protecting the
4 rights of minority groups, but I hope you do not over pack
5 districts with the result of diminishing the competitiveness
6 of other districts.

7 That's all.

8 Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

10 Betsy Zukoski.

11 THE WITNESS: My name is Betsy Zukoski,
12 Z-U-K-O-S-K-I.

13 And I moved here with my family, four children and
14 my husband, 42 years ago. And have been in Arizona and
15 active in the community, as well as working in the
16 community, volunteering with various groups and so forth.

17 One of the things that has impressed me about
18 Arizona is that over important issues the people speak out.

19 And one of them was, that gave me a big thrill,
20 was when we voted for the proposition that set up this
21 Commission. And I watched it the first time, and this time,
22 and I congratulate you for what you are endeavoring to do
23 against great odds under the circumstances.

24 And I feel terribly strongly that people need to
25 vote. They have a right to vote. And they need to have

1 their votes count.

2 And the primary elections in the State of Arizona
3 have become very important, as we have grown and spread out
4 and the population has changed.

5 And I feel very strongly that we need to keep in
6 mind that the competitiveness of districts will be very
7 important as we move on into the future.

8 And with that, I will finish.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mona Alisi Moehring,
12 followed by Shirley Cooney, Edward Kennedy, and Geri
13 Ottoboni.

14 MONA MOEHRING: Mona, M-O-N-A, M-O-E-H-R-I-N-G.

15 Ladies and gentlemen of this Commission,
16 Proverb 17 says that the fear of God, the fear of God is the
17 beginning of knowledge, but fools hate wisdom.

18 I would say this.

19 I would not have this Commission to be foolish, so
20 my words of wisdom tonight to the Commission is this.

21 Do not draw lines that will destroy communities
22 and areas that have much in common.

23 Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, Casa Adobes, must remain
24 in Legislative District 26.

25 Do not redistrict with political gain in mind.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Sh.

5 SHIRLEY COONEY:

6 THE WITNESS: Good evening.

7 My name is Shirley Cooney, S-H-I-R-L-E-Y,
8 C-O-O-N-E-Y.

9 And I live in LD 26, Pima County.

10 And I have friends throughout that whole district.

11 And for that reason I am here.

12 I have come to ask that LD 26 be basically left as
13 it is at the present.

14 The whole area is a congenial community yet
15 competitive politically, as recent history will attest.

16 To make LD 26 more cohesive in the spirit of
17 Arizona and State Statutes and Proposition 106, to achieve
18 near equal populations, I am proposing the following.

19 The southern boundary to be changed to Rillito
20 River, not just River Road.

21 The eastern boundary to become Swan Road.

22 The northeastern boundary the Catalina Mountains,
23 as it is today.

24 The western boundary I-10 north to Marana,
25 including Marana to the west of I-10.

1 The northwestern boundary does not mean Rancho
2 Vistoso, Catalina, Saddlebrooke, up to Oracle, perhaps in
3 and even to San Manuel.

4 All these northern areas relate to LD 26 for
5 church, medical attention, shopping, school, and
6 entertainment.

7 There are fast friendships forged throughout this
8 whole area.

9 This whole area relates as one, with the one
10 exception that there is an even spread of political views
11 between Independents, Democrats and Republicans.

12 It is in this spirit that I recommend that this
13 become the new LD 26 for the next ten years.

14 Thank you for your consideration.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Kennedy.

17 EDWARD KENNEDY: Thank you.

18 My name is Edward Kennedy, and I reside at 65168
19 East Emerald Ridge in Tucson, in a community known as
20 Saddlebrooke.

21 I'm a member of the non-partisan group Pinal
22 County Citizens For Excellence In Government.

23 That's who I'm representing tonight, besides
24 myself, and I wish to discuss two items in my allotted time.

25 This is a copy of the notarized declaration

1 application of the Chairman, Colleen Mathis.

2 Mrs. Mathis is unqualified to sit on the AIRC
3 because she falsely submitted her application that was not
4 truthful in what she wrote.

5 She signed the application on October 12th, 2010,
6 and did not list her husband as specified by question number
7 eight, which asked basically that all relatives and their
8 professions be listed.

9 But did list her two brothers.

10 An at that time, Mr. Mathis was actively employed
11 as the treasurer of the Nancy Young Wright campaign.

12 By failing to state his obvious connection to the
13 Tucson Democratic party and the candidate, she did not
14 answer question number six truthfully, which asked if there
15 was any possible conflict of interest in her ability to
16 discharge her duties in a fair and impartial manner.

17 One question, she said she forgot to list her
18 husband and his occupation.

19 This is a notarized document.

20 So it is possible she may have perjured herself as
21 well.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, I do not like to accuse
23 people of lying when they cannot defend themselves, but I
24 will let you be the judge.

25 How can a women recall her brothers, and not her

1 husband?

2 Her actions on the AIRC speak for themselves, in
3 her casting the deciding vote to hire the leftist
4 progressive firm of Strategic Telemetry for the mapping
5 contracts.

6 This firm has definite Democratic leanings, as
7 they were the strategist for both John Kerry and Barack
8 Obama.

9 They are also active in recall elections against
10 incumbent GOP officials in other states.

11 In my opinion, this women is unfit to hold the
12 position and should resign immediately.

13 The second item I wish to comment on is the
14 placement of my community, Saddlebrooke.

15 I have been told it is the preliminary
16 recommendation of the mapping firm that we be taken out of
17 LD 26, and placed with a community of Maricopa over
18 100 miles away.

19 This is an obvious attempt to decrease the GOP
20 representation in an already competitive district.

21 LD 26 has roughly one third Democrats, one third
22 Republicans, and one third Independents.

23 Our address is Tucson, not Maricopa or Casa
24 Grande.

25 We have no ties to any of these other areas, other

1 than the fact we are in a small part of Pinal County.

2 It makes literally no sense to include us with
3 these far-flung communities.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That was your beep. We
5 need you to finish up.

6 MR. KENNEDY: Yes. One more sentence.

7 This is a blatant attempt to gerrymandering in its
8 most obvious form. The primary reason this is being done is
9 Nancy Young Wright lost her bid for election, and the swing
10 votes came from Saddlebrooke, which by the way, has the
11 largest GOP club west of the Mississippi and probably the
12 Nation.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

15 Geri Ottoboni, followed by Maddy Urken, Tom
16 Prezelski, and Pete Bengtson.

17 GERI OTTOBONI: My name is Geri Ottoboni.

18 I want to commend you, because I -- can you here
19 me okay? I noticed on your form you mentioned that there is
20 an interpreter available.

21 If I might make a suggestion, is have an
22 interpreter interpret the meeting, because your live stream
23 and also when you have your, you know, the video, the people
24 who are deaf, which is a very large community from Phoenix,
25 and also around the state, they can watch the whole

1 transaction with an interpreter at the same time. Okay?

2 So my name is Geri Ottoboni, G-E-R-I,
3 O-T-T-O-B-O-N-I.

4 And I would like to point out that Legislative
5 District 26 and CD 8 are very competitive districts.

6 In 2006, Chairman Charlene Pesquiera, a Democrat,
7 was voted in as Arizona Senator, and Lena Saradnik,
8 Democrat, was voted in as a House representative.

9 Peter Hershberger, a Republican, was also voted in
10 as House representative.

11 Gabriel Gifford was voted in as U. S.
12 Congresswoman.

13 In 2008 Gabriel Gifford, a Democrat, was re-
14 elected as U.S. Congresswoman. Al Melvin, a Republican, as
15 State Senator. Nancy Young White, a Democrat, House
16 Representative, and Vic Williams, Republican, were voted in.

17 So LD 26 has had both Democrat and Republicans in
18 both legislative positions, which makes for an already very
19 competitive district.

20 Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, and Marana, are
21 currently in LD 26, and would be considered a competitive
22 district, also a community of interest, as the Proposition
23 has stated as a requirement.

24 Tangerine Road is a connected entity as the
25 citizens who live in Dove Mountain, which is considered

1 Marana, mostly do their shopping in Oro Valley, just as
2 Saddlebrooke residence come down Oracle Road to do their
3 shopping in Oro Valley.

4 Saddlebrooke and Oro Valley are both bounded on
5 the Catalina Mountains on the east, and a similar range on
6 the west, which also includes Marana. And they are all
7 north of river, which also satisfies the natural
8 geographical boundary required of Proposition 106.

9 On the radio the other day, the mayor of Oro
10 Valley, Dr. Hiremath, stated that he sent a letter to the
11 Governor of Arizona about the plan to annex Arroyo Grande
12 into Oro Valley.

13 This was a plan that the town of Oro Valley had
14 voted for by the previous Council, Democrats and Republicans
15 alike.

16 There are 900,000 acres that have been discussed
17 for annexation for Oro Valley.

18 And the development would come up to the Pinal
19 County line.

20 When that project is finished, Saddlebrooke
21 residents, instead of having to drive approximately 7 miles
22 for shopping, hospitals, doctor's offices, will only have to
23 drive one mile, or even walk.

24 So as you can see, Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, and
25 Marana, satisfy Proposition 106 requirements for not only

1 for communities of interest, but also competitive districts,
2 and are a geographically connected.

3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

5 Maddy Urken.

6 MADDY URKEN: My name is Maddy Urken, M-A-D-D-Y,
7 U-R-K-E-N, and I live in Sahuarita.

8 First, let me add my thanks to all of the
9 Commissioners for giving the time and talents to our
10 community.

11 Your job is obviously not easy. But it is
12 extraordinarily important, and I am grateful that you've
13 taken this on.

14 I'm happy to have the opportunity to participate
15 in a process created by Arizona voters that puts a balanced
16 independent Commission in charge of defining fair
17 Congressional and Legislative District maps.

18 I would like to ask the Commission to improve the
19 competitiveness of our district by creating a map in which
20 no district has an overwhelming number of registered voters
21 in any one party, so that all candidates have a fair chance
22 of winning elections.

23 Statewide there are approximately equal numbers of
24 registered Republicans and Democrats.

25 The fact that 70 percent of our State Senate and

1 two-thirds of the House are Republican, tells us that our
2 Legislative Districts are not competitive enough.

3 One visit to a single legislative session will
4 demonstrate that this situation has effectively silenced the
5 parties who represent a full two-thirds of our citizens.

6 That's not a good thing.

7 In my Legislative District, LD 30, the playing
8 field is not even close to level.

9 Almost 80 percent of the registered voters in LD
10 30 live in Pima County, a county in which there are about
11 30,000 more registered Democrats than registered
12 Republicans.

13 However, only 28 percent of registered voters in
14 LD 30 are Democrats.

15 41 percent are Republicans.

16 The perception of too many LD 30 voters is that
17 their vote didn't matter, and that tends to favor low voter
18 turn out.

19 Some Democrats feel they can't win, and some
20 Republicans feel their candidates will win with or without
21 their vote.

22 When citizens don't vote for any reason, democracy
23 loses.

24 I have every confidence that this Commission can
25 define districts that are competitive, with no detriment to

1 the other five criteria mandated by Proposition 106.

2 Once again, thank you for your work on this vital
3 matter, and the opportunity to address you.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

5 Tom Prezelski.

6 TOM PREZELSKI: Thank you. Members of the
7 Commission, my name is Tom Prezelski.

8 I reside in 343 South Convent Avenue in Barrio,
9 Tucson, Arizona.

10 I served in the State House.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Spell your name.

12 TOM PREZELSKI: You want it spelled? Everybody
13 knows how to spell Prezelski. P-R-E-Z-E-L-S-K-I.

14 And I served in the State House of Representatives
15 for six years. From 2003 to 2008.

16 And I also served on the City of Tucson
17 Redistricting Commission.

18 I'm not going to pretend that that gives me any
19 particular sympathy with what your doing, because our task
20 was relatively easy, painless and noncontroversial.

21 I wanted to address some of the criticism that
22 this Commission has been taking.

23 Some of the criticism makes the assumption, kind
24 of a revisionist history assumption, that what this
25 Commission is doing is somehow unprecedented.

1 The truth is that this Commission did meet ten
2 years ago.

3 It was impaneled ten years ago, and there was an
4 Independent Chairman of that Commission who had been active
5 in partisan political campaigns.

6 It just happens those campaigns were Republican.

7 And the results of what happened, not everyone was
8 happy with the map that was created.

9 There was a lot of grouching on my side of the
10 political fence. Those folks got over it.

11 There was certainly a lot of grouching on the other
12 side of the fence, and I think they got over it, too.

13 I think we ended up with what -- the result of
14 what this Commission came up with was, actually, I think was
15 fair. It wasn't perfect. It was far from perfect, but it
16 was, I think, it was fair and the best result we could have
17 gotten.

18 The point of this Commission, the reason why it
19 exists, is because of the basic concept that Legislators
20 should be chosen by their constituents, rather than
21 Legislature choosing their constituents. And I am concerned
22 by some of the regular rhetoric that has been coming out of
23 the Legislature, where they want to return to the system as
24 it existed prior to the 1990s.

25 And what we saw, was districts that were drawn for

1 a partisan agenda to protect incumbents. And in Tucson, you
2 had the old District 14, which was drawn to protect some
3 Democratic incumbents.

4 And it connected some neighborhoods that had
5 absolutely nothing to do with each other, other than their
6 partisan voting record, connected some neighborhoods, fairly
7 affluent neighborhoods on the far east side, with some very
8 poor neighborhoods on the west side, in a shape that looked
9 like the Star Ship Enterprise.

10 And that's something we definitely want to work
11 against.

12 So I'm a little disturbed when I hear people
13 saying that partisanship and voting patterns should be
14 accounted for when you consider what a community of interest
15 is.

16 Right now we're in South Tucson.

17 This is the community I represented what I was in
18 the Legislature.

19 And this community is not defined by the fact that
20 these folks happen to vote for Democrats.

21 This community is defined by family, religion,
22 food, especially food. And that's what defines a community.

23 And their voting patterns come out of that, rather
24 than being defined by the fact that they're Democrats.

25 And I am glad we have a lot of people here who are

1 from other parts of our community.

2 I hope you all get a chance to go eat at Rego's,
3 and experience what this community is about. Tucson is not
4 just about the fact that they're Democrats.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I need you to finish up.

6 TOM PREZELSKI: I urge the Commission to keep
7 doing what it's doing, and, you know, just remember what a
8 community of interest is really about.

9 And it's not about -- it's not about their
10 partisanship. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Next is Betty Bengtson,
13 followed by Vince Leach and Doris Clatanoff.

14 We have about ten more speaker forms after that.
15 Thank you for your patience and listening to everyone.

16 If there is anyone else that would like to speak
17 and haven't submitted a speaker form, please do so right
18 now.

19 Bengtson.

20 Let's keep it down so Mr. Bengtson can speak.

21 PETE BENGTON: My name is Peter Bengtson,
22 B-E-N-G-T-S-O-N.

23 I live in Pima County in LD 26.

24 I just want to mention I fully support the current
25 Independent Redistricting Commission.

1 The two Democrats and two Republicans were
2 appointed as required in Proposition 106.

3 And at the March 1st meeting, Ms. McNulty
4 nominated Colleen Mathis for Chair.

5 Mr. Stertz seconded it.

6 And there was no objection.

7 She was elected unanimously.

8 I've been to a couple of your business meetings,
9 and the Commission is working very well. And I think
10 Colleen Mathis is a good choice for Chair, and I hope she
11 will continue on in that role.

12 I also support the selection of Strategic
13 Telemetry for the mapping consultant.

14 I know it was a tough decision, and -- but the
15 objective of Strategic Telemetry now is basically a
16 technical job of mapping to meet the six criteria.

17 One of the things I'd like to see come out was the
18 first set of maps, which I haven't heard before, is some of
19 the measures that Strategic Telemetry is planning and the
20 IRC is going to be using to define competitive districts,
21 and compact districts.

22 When we look at those maps, it would be very
23 important to see what definitions are being used to
24 establish that.

25 Mention was made of the six goals.

1 The slide show was, by necessity, was briefer,
2 just bullet points.

3 I'd just like to mention that the compact and
4 contiguous goal is to be done to the extent possible, not
5 exact.

6 To the extent practical, district lines should be
7 used.

8 To the extent practical, competitive districts,
9 and competitive districts says when no other -- when there's
10 no other significant detriment, excuse me, no significant
11 detriment.

12 I wanted to talk about -- also about this goal
13 that hasn't been mentioned very much, number E. To the
14 extent practical, district lines shall use visible
15 geographic features, city, town, county boundaries, and
16 undivided Census tracts.

17 There's been a lot of talk about communities of
18 interest, but just as important is the one about using
19 visible geographic boundaries.

20 As I mentioned, I live in Legislative District 26.
21 I have no community of interest with the section up there in
22 Pima County, and I'd like to see the north boundary of LD
23 26, or whatever the new district is, cut off at the county
24 boundary. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Betty Bengtson.

1 BETTY BENGTON: Thank you. It's been a long
2 evening for all of us.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes, it has.

4 BETTY BENGTON: Betty Bengton, B-E-T-T-Y,
5 B-E-N-G-T-S-O-N. I live in Pima County, LD 26.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to speak this
7 evening. I think we're very lucky to have an Independent
8 Commission process rather than a more politicized process by
9 our Legislature, and I'd like to congratulate the Commission
10 on the fine job you've done to date.

11 You've proceeded under some difficult
12 circumstances with the best interest of all the citizens of
13 Arizona at heart.

14 Secondly, I'd like to speak to the importance of
15 having competitive districts in the state.

16 As we all know, Arizona has a low voter turn out.
17 You've heard that from a number of speakers this
18 evening.

19 Many of our citizens feel disenfranchised.

20 They believe their opinions and votes don't count
21 because previous districting efforts have resulted in so
22 many non-competitive districts in Arizona.

23 It's up to this Commission to fix the situation.

24 So all I say is more competition, please.

25 Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

2 Mr. Leach.

3 MR. LEACH: I think I've got it.

4 Can you hear me?

5 Madam Chair, Commissioner, thank you.

6 I would like to say first of all, my name Vince
7 Leach, L-E-A-C-H.

8 Thank you counselor.

9 62927 East Harmony. I live in Saddlebrooke.

10 All I'm saying now is, wow, I'm glad the old
11 Commissioners aren't here to hear the blasting that they're
12 taking for what they did ten years ago, and turning that
13 vile House and Senate into a majority on the Republican
14 side, both in the House and the Senate.

15 I would argue before the Commissioners that they
16 maybe look at district lines and redistricting as it stands
17 to the six points pointed out, and kind of take the message
18 out of what goes into elections, which you have no control
19 over.

20 The message sent to the majority to the House and
21 Senate Redistricting Committee did not.

22 I would like to speak about compactness as well as
23 community of interest.

24 I will speak about Oro Valley, Marana,
25 Saddlebrooke, Catalina, and portions going northward into

1 Pinal County.

2 As some of the Commissioners heard earlier from r
3 me, I will further expand that and I really wish all of them
4 were here.

5 I appreciate that they can listen by video. By
6 live streaming. It's something, but another to look at a
7 person's face and have a discussion that we're having this
8 evening with all of the people.

9 We get our TV.

10 Our Saddlebrooke TV comes out of Tucson.

11 We use the airport.

12 We use the restaurants.

13 We shop there.

14 For those in Oro Valley, we pay the speeding
15 tickets in Oro Valley on all the policeman on Oracle from
16 Tangerine down. We pay a lot.

17 That's all Saddlebrooke cars.

18 We do our recreation there.

19 Our health facilities, all of our doctors,
20 dentists, we do rely on that.

21 As I told the Commission in one other meeting, I
22 would like to go on record, my health insurance policy asks
23 me what market I was in, what general market.

24 They didn't ask if I was in the Casa Grande
25 market, they asked me if I was in the Tucson market or

1 Phoenix market.

2 I'm obviously in the Tucson market.

3 Many of our people go to a house of worship across
4 the county line.

5 We have one in Saddlebrooke, a non-denominational
6 church.

7 Most of our residents that participate in that
8 event on Sundays or whatever may be their day, go across the
9 county line.

10 Some of those churches are literally right on the
11 county line, one of them being the old missile site that I'm
12 sure many of you are aware of.

13 We heard last time that there should be some
14 definitions potentially and possibly added to this.

15 You've heard some lines per LD 26. You've heard
16 Swan on the east. I would go up to the mountains, up to
17 Oracle, maybe just south of Coolidge, and down through
18 Marana.

19 I was planning for four minutes and I got the
20 rules change.

21 Thank you --

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thanks --

23 VINCE LEACH: -- for your attention.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Doris Clatanoff, followed

1 by Lynne St. Angelo, and Linda White, and Donald Kret.

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3 DORIS CLATANOFF: Thank you. My name is Doris
4 Clatanoff, D-O-R-I-S, and you pronounced it right,
5 C-L-A-T-A-N-O-f-F.

6 My address is 65619 East Rose Ridge Drive, Tucson,
7 Arizona. And I say that because I live in Saddlebrooke.
8 And I'll have you know I moved to Saddlebrooke from south
9 Texas, which is a lot like of South Tucson. So there you
10 have it.

11 I want to address briefly three areas.
12 Communities of interest, contiguous, and competitiveness.

13 My husband and I moved to Saddlebrooke in 1998.

14 I became a Rotarian in south Texas in '98 and I
15 joined the Rotary Club out here, and, in fact, after two
16 years I became president of that club.

17 And one of the things I did was drive down monthly
18 to a restaurant down on Swan and Pima, and meet with all of
19 the Tucson area presidents of Rotaries. That included Oro
20 Valley and Marana.

21 The reason we meet together is because Rotary is
22 divided into three districts in the State of Arizona.

23 And we are in the south district, which is
24 District 5500, that's all of -- are you a Rotarian? I
25 shouldn't have said that.

1 This includes all of southern Arizona.

2 So we work with Tucson, we work with Rio Ricco, we
3 work with Green Valley, we work with Sierra Vista. This is
4 where our district is, and these are the people that we work
5 with.

6 As a Rotarian in Saddlebrooke, we have tutored at
7 Catalina Mountain School, which is in Pima County. That's a
8 detention center for boys.

9 We work with Coronado Elementary School. We tutor
10 out there. That is in Pima County. Eagle Crest kids go to
11 school and we give school scholarships to Ironwood Ridge and
12 Canyon del Oro.

13 Those are schools in Oro Valley.

14 We sponsored a young man who goes to Ironwood
15 Ridge to spend a year over in Italy. So our Rotary Club
16 also works with the Rotary Clubs down here, and we do things
17 down in Mexico, and in Africa.

18 So this is a great community of interest. Not
19 only in our community from what we do, but in the broader
20 world.

21 Now, in addition to that, as to what's alluded to
22 earlier, my husband and I go to Catalina Lutheran church.
23 I'm the organist there.

24 This is in Pima County, and as was alluded to,
25 many of our folks come down to Pima County.

1 I am not going to go to church up in Maricopa.
2 That's over a hundred miles away.

3 And people may not know, you know, if you want to
4 put counties together, people may not know that Pinal
5 County, in which we live, right by Pima County, as a county,
6 is larger than some states in the United States of America.

7 Now, I looked at a map, and that put Saddlebrooke
8 along with Maricopa, Casa Grande, and all of this rural area
9 in the middle.

10 And there we have Maricopa, 103 miles away from
11 us.

12 I know very few people in Maricopa.

13 If you're going to look at communities of
14 interest, this is our community of interest down here. This
15 is, as I pointed out earlier, this is where we go to the
16 Doctor. This is where we go to the hospital. This is where
17 we spend our sales tax dollars. And we do that gladly here
18 in Oro Valley and Tucson. This is our community of
19 interest. This is where we spend our money.

20 This is where we do things.

21 And this has to do with compactness too, because
22 you look at Maricopa and you look at what's up there, and if
23 you want to be comp -- compact --

24 My times is up?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

1 DORIS CLATANOFF: If you want to be compact, this
2 is it. And, by gosh, we need to be competitive, and I think
3 CD 8 and the LD 26 districts are. I've enjoyed the fight.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Ms. St. Angelo.

8 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Wow, it's hard to follow that.

9 I am Lynne St. Angelo, L-Y-N-N-E, S-T,
10 A-N-G-E-L-O, and I would like to talk about my community of
11 interest, and I would like to submit a map.

12 I live in Oro Valley, sandwiched between Marana
13 and Saddlebrooke.

14 The outside boundaries are the mountains on the
15 east, Saddlebrooke and Pinal County line on the north, and
16 Marana on the west.

17 The major streets are Tangerine and Ina as the
18 east-west connectors to I-10 and Oracle Road

19 These communities have recently formed MOVE,
20 M-O-V-E, to stimulate business growth along the Tangerine
21 corridor, which will connect with Pinal County plans to have
22 a large switching station which will expand the railroad
23 lines that run through Picacho Peak. So this northwest area
24 of Tucson will be expanding northward into more of Pinal
25 County as a connected business community.

1 In addition, Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, and Marana
2 are all connected with our clubs, shopping, churches,
3 schools, hospitals, movie theaters, and other interests.

4 We don't go to the east side of Tucson or downtown
5 Tucson at all. In fact, I have driven people from my
6 neighborhood downtown for specific reasons, because they
7 have lived here for 20 years and never driven downtown.

8 Therefore, I request that you respect our
9 communities of like interest, Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley and
10 Marana, as you draw the district lines.

11 It is also -- I'd like to request, it's also very
12 difficult to speak to a community of interest without
13 knowing what each Commissioner thinks a community of
14 interest is.

15 So I respectfully request that each one of the
16 Commissioners give their personal definition of community of
17 interest, as allowed by Arizona Statute 38-431.01,
18 Subsection H, at the end of this meeting, or at the next
19 redistricting meeting. That would really help us a lot.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

22 Linda White.

23 LINDA WHITE: Linda White, L-I-N-D-A, W-H-I-T-E.

24 The community of Saddlebrooke is an integral and
25 vibrant asset of LD 26. As a community, its interest, its

1 livelihood, its existence, rely on shared values of the
2 district as a whole.

3 Financially, spiritually, business relations, and
4 as a voting block for all political parties, the community
5 of Saddlebrooke shares far more with its brethren in the
6 district than it does with Pinal County as a whole.

7 Geographically, the closest communities for
8 Saddlebrooke in Pinal are Eloy and Florence.

9 A far cry from daily life shared with its closer
10 neighbors in Catalina, Oro Valley, and Rancho Vistoso.

11 I question the logic and motives of several to
12 determine that the community of Saddlebrooke be redistricted
13 out of LD 26.

14 I would also like to commend our Attorney General,
15 Tom Horne, for taking the action he has with request with --
16 respect to this Commission.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Donald Kret.

20 Mr. Kret will be followed by Rachel McMenamin,
21 Betty Johnson and Rebecca Spann.

22 DONALD KRET: Thank you.

23 I want to thank you for allowing us the
24 opportunity to speak here.

25 I also want to thank you for this state for

1 establishing this Commission.

2 I want to thank you for your service here.

3 I happen to come from a state where the
4 Legislature, the last five times where they had to
5 redistrict, it was a bifurcation between Legislature and one
6 of the Houses or another one of the state, and all five
7 times the State Supreme Court had to go and do the
8 redistricting.

9 I was fortunate to have served back in my native
10 state on both the County Board and the City Council, and the
11 one good thing about that state is they were non-partisan.
12 So I had to deal with other people.

13 So you didn't know what party they belong to or
14 their preference sometimes. I didn't.

15 But it became a lot easier to cooperate, because
16 you had no people telling you this is the party line you
17 have to follow in. So it became a lot easier to do.

18 And I hope you follow what is good here and you
19 follow the prerequisites of what you're suppose to.

20 The one thing is, I think make it as competitive
21 as you can.

22 I know there's other criteria.

23 What I don't know is, that to go to -- and I live
24 in Sahuarita, 70 miles from Sierra Vista.

25 I had a son until a year-and-a-half ago. He took

1 a job in data in a place called Afghanistan, teaching
2 counter intelligence there.

3 70 miles across the Santo Rita mountains, and over
4 the county line, and there's a community of interest. It's
5 a military town. The only thing of community of interest I
6 see between this, is it's a similar voting pattern as the
7 rest of the non-competitive District 30.

8 Everything else is B.S.

9 And that's the kindest words I can say. It
10 shouldn't be in that district. There's no community of
11 interest.

12 Sahuarita is mostly a bedroom community with some
13 senior citizens, as is Green Valley. And there's more
14 community of interest there.

15 But it's got its own shopping areas, and that's
16 Sierra Vista, and when people say community of interest they
17 say, yeah, but they both vote Republican. That's not a
18 community of interest. It's the thing we want to get a
19 balance. And I think if you go what you can to do a
20 balance, you're gonna have some that are going to be -- and
21 probably more are going to be Republican, and some will be
22 heavily Democrat. But if you get out there and you do your
23 job, if you can make more, as you -- as many as you can
24 competitive, you're going to have better candidates. You'll
25 have a less look to the right or to the left, and that

1 you'll end up with better representation and a better
2 outcome from the people of the state.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Could you spell your name
5 for the court reporter?

6 DONALD KRET: Donald Kret, D-O-N-A-L-D, K-R-E-T.
7 Never misspell a four letter word.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Next we have Rachel
9 McMenamin.

10 RACHEL McMENAMIN: Hi. Thank you so much for
11 allowing me an opportunity to speak.

12 My name is Rachel McMenamin. R-A-C-H-E-L, last
13 name M-C-M-E-N-A-M-I-N.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Use your big voice.

15 RACHEL McMENAMIN: First I want to thank the
16 Commission for doing independent work, and I do feel very
17 fortunate to be in an area where there is an independent
18 Commission in terms of doing redistricting, and it is not
19 done on partisan line.

20 My husband and I moved to Tucson seven years ago
21 in order to start a family. Which we've done.

22 And we chose to live in Marana.

23 Mostly because it is a community that seemed like
24 a great place to raise children with a number of other young
25 families who are also starting their families.

1 As a result, we have elementary schools that are
2 overflowing with children because we have a number of young
3 families.

4 So I'm somewhat surprised to hear that a community
5 of interest of mine is Saddlebrooke, which I'm sure is a
6 wonderful community, although I've never stepped foot there,
7 and Oro Valley as well.

8 These are both districts or areas which I don't
9 actually spend as much time. I do find myself doing a lot
10 of my business in Marana and in Tucson, in downtown Tucson.
11 That's where I spend most of my time. And these to me seem
12 like like-minded or communities of interest.

13 As far as Oro Valley and Saddlebrooke, I'm not
14 really aware what the connection or the community of
15 interest is.

16 So, obviously, I think it's important to
17 understand what everybody means by that term.

18 But it seems to me that despite various
19 disagreements, one agreement everyone has come to, is that a
20 community of interest is one that includes shared shopping,
21 business experiences, and I don't find myself spending time
22 in Oro Valley or in Saddlebrooke doing business.

23 My children, when they have gone to preschool, and
24 elementary school, are now Marana. In preschool they were in
25 downtown Tucson.

1 So that's what I'd like to say in terms of
2 community of interest. And I'd like that to be taken into
3 account.

4 And I really do again appreciate the opportunity
5 to speak about that tonight.

6 And I do find, also, it's interesting, for -- just
7 to see there aren't that many people like myself here. It
8 doesn't seem like, other young mom's with other young
9 children.

10 So, I'm glad I'm having this opportunity to speak.
11 And I hope I can speak for the interests of other parents
12 whose main concern really is education. And that seems to
13 be a concern that's heavily overlooked for a state known to
14 be the worst in funding for education.

15 And that's something very disappointing. And I
16 must say a lot of friends of mine are thinking very strongly
17 about leaving the state because of that. And it's something
18 that's crossed our minds, as well.

19 In order to maintain the state population and
20 keeping -- if we're talking about communities of interest,
21 it might be nice for people to have a voice and feel
22 represented who are other parents of small children, and who
23 have a vested interest in the education system going
24 forward.

25 Again, I wanted to thank you, thank all of you,

1 and I really appreciate the work you've been doing, and look
2 forward to attending more meetings and hearing everybody.
3 It's been very interesting and enlightening.

4 And that's about it.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

6 Ms. Johnson.

7 BETTY JOHNSON: It's been wonderful standing up.
8 You must feel the same way.

9 Take a break.

10 Anyway, my name is Betty Johnson, B-E-T-T-Y,
11 J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

12 We, my husband and I, have lived in Green Valley
13 full time for the last eight years, having moved here from
14 New Hampshire, which has the second or third largest
15 representative body in the country. I can't imagine what
16 redistricting would be like there, where just about every
17 small town had a representative.

18 Not so here.

19 Anyway, thank you for all the time that you're
20 volunteering for this important activity.

21 I'm really glad that you're an independent group.
22 That you're free of political maneuvering, and I certainly
23 want it to remain that way.

24 I definitely believe in competition in politics in
25 our democracy. It's critical for the well-being of our

1 state, for our country.

2 Too much power at the hands of one party decreases
3 the opportunity for the airing of different views, for
4 people -- views from other parties. They need to be heard,
5 and it's absolutely critical when laws are being written.

6 In addition, when too much power is in the hands
7 of one party, voters, not from that party, believe that
8 their views and their values are not given a fair hearing.

9 They're not.

10 And it is likely, then, that citizens will not go
11 to the polls. They will not vote.

12 This is not good for our country.

13 My hope, as you look at these maps, at this blank
14 slate that you're going to be working with, that you develop
15 districts that have as mixed a population of voting
16 population as is possible. Districts that have
17 Independents, Democrats, and Republicans.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

20 Rebecca Spann, who will be followed by Christine
21 Bauserman, David Morales, Sami Hamed, and Michael Liburdi.

22 REBECCA SPANN: Thank you.

23 My name is Rebecca Spann, R-E-B-E-C-C-A,
24 S-P-A-N-N.

25 And I'm here to discuss, first of all, thank you

1 for your services.

2 I want to tell you I'm a golfer, and I live in
3 northeast Tucson. I golf at the Arizona National, the 49er
4 Golf Club, Fred Enke.

5 I go down through Rita Ranch to Corona de Tucson,
6 and I go both ways to Sahuarita and Green Valley and Sierra
7 Vista.

8 Those are my communities of interest.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

11 Ms. Bauserman.

12 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Hi. Christine with a C H,
13 and Bauserman, B-A-U-S-E-R-M-A-N.

14 And I am here to talk about CD 8.

15 CD 8, I would like to see it lose Tucson, all of
16 Tucson. Or that probably cannot happen, so some of Tucson,
17 and have it moved into CD 7.

18 I have played around with lots of maps. I like to
19 do maps. And moving the Tucson line north just a few blocks
20 makes the population work.

21 So we would be keeping Cochise County and eastern
22 Pima County together.

23 This keeps the county and small rural communities
24 together.

25 I live in my community because I chose the

1 lifestyle it offers. I want to be represented by people who
2 live like I do.

3 I am in a rural environment with my life centered
4 around the edges of Tucson or in the small outlying towns.

5 It's interesting, I hear this. I watch a lot of
6 the streaming, and I've seen this drum beat go on all
7 throughout the hosannas that the rural areas do not want to
8 be in the cities, and I really hope you take that to heart.
9 Because it means a lot to us.

10 We move to these counties because we have a
11 different mindset from the city people.

12 We want to be fairly represented in the
13 Congressional area of like-minded people that live like we
14 do.

15 We are a rural suburban area.

16 These areas were populated when the suburbia
17 layout came about versus the grid system, like in downtown
18 Tucson. Suburbia layouts are based on roads and defined by
19 master community plans.

20 These community plans are well thought out and
21 they really define our communities of interest.

22 They lay out our golf courses, hiking paths,
23 shopping, parks, and employment areas.

24 It is linked by I-10, the Houghton Road corridor,
25 Old Spanish Trail and Sahuarita Road.

1 Let's see now.

2 Go down here.

3 Also, I believe, and I played around with a lot of
4 maps, we can have three Congressional Districts that border,
5 that are on the border.

6 Yuma did a really good job defining how they want
7 their river district. And I had someone do that. If you go
8 up 85 all the way north, you have the population, and will
9 actually give us another minority district.

10 I don't know if the Voting Rights Act includes
11 Indian population, but does give us like an Indian district.

12 CD 7 could be 85 as the western border, and I-19
13 as the eastern border, having Tucson, southern Arizona and
14 Nogales. This shows the Voting Rights Act within.

15 CD 8 should have an I-19 southern western route
16 kind of going underneath Tucson with the highway, and go
17 maybe north to Harrison, is what I would like to see.

18 It has a northern and western border. New Mexico
19 is the eastern border, and the mountain range is the natural
20 border.

21 This will give us the population we need, as
22 compact and contiguous geographical with the border and the
23 roads, and I think it's competitive.

24 I live there.

25 I have Senator Frank Antenori and Gabriel Gifford.

1 You don't get much more competitive than that.

2 Thank you.

3 And I have a map. And the map has different ways
4 you can move the Northern Border.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: David Morales.

6 DAVID MORALES: My name is David Morales,
7 M-O-R-A-L-E-S. I live in LD 28.

8 And I'm going to respond to a few things I've
9 heard tonight. I want to repeat what everyone has been
10 saying.

11 Two things I want to say appear something more
12 general.

13 One is, I'm from Marana. And I grew up in Marana.
14 I find it interesting that people care about Marana all of a
15 sudden, the mountains there.

16 I'm from the old Marana.

17 Don't live by the mountains or anything.

18 The other thing I wanted to reiterate was the talk
19 about the prison populations. I think that's hugely
20 important.

21 The reason is there's, for example, CD 1. There's
22 Florence, and, you know, big prisons. There's large
23 minority populations, and you can grow your district without
24 having to actually be accountable to the people that are
25 being counted.

1 And you can say that there's more minorities in
2 your district also, without ever having to actually do
3 anything for them.

4 So I think minority, I think the prison
5 populations, they should be counted for last residence, or
6 not counted at all.

7 What I wanted to say is something else though, is,
8 um, I feel it was important that I stay here because, um, I
9 don't know if you notice here it's -- we're in South Tucson,
10 and you probably passed through this festival they're having
11 earlier. And yet, it doesn't look anything like that in
12 here.

13 I think there's a huge lean -- you guys have to do
14 something that's more important than -- it's bigger than
15 yourselves. Way bigger than yourselves.

16 And the future of Arizona is being defined, okay.

17 The demography is changing. That's a fact.

18 And there's going to be a lot of people, a lot of
19 people that you have to represent that aren't going to show
20 up.

21 There's huge voter disenfranchisement.

22 There's huge inequalities here.

23 Here in South Tucson, I didn't here one solid
24 Tucson person speak, but you have Green Valley, you have
25 Saddlebrooke. Vail. And there's always kind of code words

1 being used. Communities, rural. We all know what that
2 means, you know, and there's -- there's -- you're right,
3 there's huge communities that are separated.

4 Tucson, TUSD just had desegregation orders just
5 put back on it. Pueblo High School down the street,
6 98 percent minority. Okay?

7 Saddlebrooke, I'm sure it's not 50 percent.

8 There's -- you can use different words to say what
9 is underlying here. And I think you guys know what I'm
10 talking about.

11 I think there's -- someone said something about
12 the last redistricting demographics has changed a lot.

13 I don't think they planned for a two-third super
14 majority in the House and Senate, but that just arose and
15 it's now your job to fix it, due to the new -- there's some
16 districts are under the 710, there are some that are 900.

17 So it's really really important what you guys have
18 to do, and I can't stress, because there's coming tension
19 that is, like I said, is the future of Arizona.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thanks.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I can't read all the
25 letters, but Sami Hamed?

1 SAMI HAMED: Madam Chairman, good evening.

2 My name is Sami Hamed, I'm a resident of
3 Legislative District 27 in Tucson.

4 Name is spelled S-A-M-I, H-A-M-E-D.

5 And Chairwoman, one of the things you've been
6 hearing tonight that was talked about is communities of
7 interest. Things like that.

8 And of the things you probably heard about in
9 other cities, and I know you have prior to here, in prime
10 time you'll hear about it tonight, is the Voting Rights Act
11 being protected, and things like that, protecting
12 communities.

13 Well, there's a group that's been going around to
14 meetings, different Commissions, talking about the, quote,
15 unquote, Voting Rights Act. That's been Fair Trust.

16 David Liburdi, they represent them.

17 What is the Voting Rights Act?

18 Voting Rights Act is representing people in your
19 community, especially people of color, is the Voting Rights
20 Act.

21 You know, people have been coming to these
22 Commission meetings saying it's not a fair process, how it's
23 not being done, and you have the Attorney General getting
24 involved. People coming after you, questioning your
25 integrity, Madam Chairwoman.

1 Well, last time I checked, the Voting Rights Act
2 doesn't protect the Tea Party, as far as I'm concerned.

3 They weren't part of the law when it was written
4 back in the '60s, and sure not included right now, as far as
5 I'm concerned.

6 So to conclude, keep doing the work you got to do,
7 keep doing the hearings, make our state's Congressional and
8 Legislative Districts competitive as possible, so we have
9 balance across the board that represents people, and also
10 fosters a great debate for the next decade as well.

11 And to you, the Madam Chairman, and the
12 Commissioners, thank you for the work you do. I'm sorry you
13 have to take the slings and arrows from people coming at you
14 and attacking you personally, instead of keeping it above
15 the belt and on the issues instead of going personal.

16 For the members of the Commission, thank you very
17 much and good night. Keep up the good work.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

19 Our last speaker is Michael Liburdi.

20 MICHAEL LIBURDI: Good evening, Commissioner
21 McNulty, Commissioner Stertz.

22 Lots of thanks to you.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Speak up and spell your
24 name, please.

25 MICHAEL LIBURDI: L-I-B-U-R-D-I.

1 Lots of thanks to you for coming out here and
2 hearing all of us.

3 And especially thanks to Marty, who I've never had
4 a court reporter, you know, endure this long without a
5 break. So I'm calling him for my next deposition.

6 I'm an attorney. I represent the Fair Trust. The
7 Fair Trust is a group committed to making sure that the
8 process at the Commission level is done fairly and
9 independently, and impartially.

10 Just a few quick points that I'd like to make.

11 Number one, the Arizona Constitution, under
12 Proposition 106, requires that the Commission draw districts
13 on both Legislative and Congressional Districts that are of
14 equal population.

15 This is available for the Commission to do so as
16 part of the software it's using.

17 Another point is that the Commission should really
18 adopt definitions of competitiveness and communities of
19 interest.

20 That's important for a number of reasons, so that
21 those definitions and concepts could be applied fairly and
22 consistently throughout the state, without having one
23 definition of, for example, competitiveness apply in one
24 part of the state and another apply in another part of the
25 state.

1 If that were to happen, that would -- that would
2 lead to disenfranchisement. It would lead to diluting of
3 votes.

4 The ideal Legislative District consists of 213,067
5 residents.

6 According to the 2010 Census, Pima County now has
7 980,263 residents.

8 What this means is that Pima County should have
9 about four-and-a-half Legislative Districts.

10 In order to do that, some parts of Pima County
11 should be joined with other parts of outside the county to
12 make a Legislative District.

13 There's been a wealth of testimony that I've heard
14 since the Oro Valley meeting that strongly supports
15 Saddlebrooke being joined into Pima County to create a
16 district.

17 And looking at the communities of interest that
18 are in and out now on the record, it seems like that would
19 make sense to draw them in with Marana and Oro Valley.

20 Communities of interest. Keeping communities of
21 interest whole is important in southern Arizona, and I think
22 that the Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, Marana unification
23 emphasizes this.

24 It's important to keep similar culture an
25 historical heritage together without breaking them apart.

1 It's important to keep communities of interest
2 together, because dividing them will dilute their strength,
3 will dilute their votes, dilute their ability to getting
4 effective representation at both the Legislative and
5 Congressional level.

6 Thank you very much.

7 And have a good evening.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

9 That concludes our list of comments.

10 We want to thank you all for spending the evening
11 with us, and those of you who are still here, for sitting
12 patiently listening to everyone.

13 Mr. Stertz, I'll give you an opportunity to make a
14 few remarks, if you would like.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Commissioner
16 McNulty. I appreciate that.

17 I appreciate it in view of the request I had -- or
18 I had made at the Casa Grande hearing, that said we were
19 talking all kinds of things about competitive districts, and
20 I had thrown that out to the audience and anybody that's
21 listening online right now, to say to us what does -- what
22 is the definition of competitive district mean.

23 Does that mean that it's a third Republican, a
24 third Democrat, and a third Independent?

25 One of the things that you're probably aware of,

1 that the challenge has been, over the last ten years, is
2 that there's been an increase of population in the State of
3 Arizona of approximately 1.2 million people.

4 The Legislative Districts that we have, just so
5 that you could sort of get an idea about what the add and
6 subtracts are just in the 30 Legislative Districts.

7 We've got as much as a swing of an additional
8 requirement in one Legislative District where we need to add
9 a population of over 57,000.

10 And in another we need to make a subtraction of
11 population of over 165,000.

12 So the tasks that we're talking about when we're
13 talking about the competitiveness and compactness and the
14 six criteria listed in the Constitution are very clear.

15 My perspective is fairly simple. I'm following
16 Constitutional requirement.

17 We've got six mandates that we have placed in
18 this. All six are weighted.

19 There's only one that's got a retraction in it,
20 which is the concept of competitive districts where there
21 is -- where it creates no significant detriment to the other
22 goals.

23 That is primary and fundamental to follow the
24 writing of the crafters of Proposition 106, and we are going
25 to follow that from -- at least from this seat, I'm going to

1 be following that to the letter.

2 The bigger question that I want to throw up now,
3 because I've had some really interesting thoughts of
4 competitiveness that came up, there are two people that had
5 definitions during the course of tonight's hearing.

6 My next is going to be on the word independence
7 means. We've got Republicans, which we know what Republican
8 is.

9 We know what a Democrat is because they're
10 affiliated with a specific party by their registration.

11 An independent or an "other" is someone that is
12 not affiliated with any party.

13 They are -- they are -- does that mean that
14 they're independent?

15 That's the question that I have.

16 Does that mean that one third of the population,
17 which right now exceeds in lack of registration, or
18 registered as an Independent, which is right now greater
19 than the Democrats in this state, and less than the
20 Republicans.

21 What does that mean as far as Independents? Does
22 that mean that they choose not to be a Democrat or
23 Republican?

24 Does that mean that they are truly unbiased in
25 their decision making.

1 And I would like to, at the next hearing taking
2 place in Glendale, and then on Thursday in Sierra Vista, and
3 Friday again in Phoenix, and Saturday back here in Tucson,
4 to start to have that dialogue as well.

5 Because I'd like to know what that means.

6 I'd like to know what the public's definition of
7 independence is, not only from the independent person as a
8 voter, but the definition how you believe a Commission that
9 has two Republicans that were selected by, in this case, the
10 majority leaders of the Senate and the House, and in the
11 case of the Democrat, the minority leaders of the Senate and
12 the House.

13 The Independent member of this Commission was
14 chosen by those four members based on the application
15 provided to us by the Appellate Court.

16 Those are the facts. That's what we know.

17 And I can't tell you how much I appreciate
18 everybody's commitment for being here. This is a hard job
19 we've got. This is not a sprint, this is a marathon.

20 And I want to thank you all for hanging out with
21 us at the beginning of the marathon. Thank you all and good
22 night.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you all.

24 We'll call the meeting to a close at 9:02 p.m.

25 I'd like to thank the officers who stuck in here

1 with us. We appreciate your help.

2 And a special thanks to Marty.

3 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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